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PREFACE.

THE records described in the present volume of this Guide are, with one or two exceptions, those which are held to be in the Public Record Office under 'the charge and superintendence' of the Master of the Rolls as opposed to those which are there in his statutory 'custody' and described in Volume I.

This technical distinction in the conditions under which documents are preserved in the Public Record Office has resulted from an extension of the Act of 1838 to the records of public departments which, as was explained in the Preface to Vol. I, does not appear to have been contemplated by the original framers of the Act. This extension received permanent authority from the Order in Council of 5 March 1852 but the conditions under which the records comprised in it were to be preserved in the Public Record Office had already been formulated some years before after the transfer there of a number of records belonging to the Treasury and some other Government Departments and are set out in a letter of 8 August 1845 from Lord Langdale, the then Master of the Rolls, to the Secretary of the Treasury. In this letter Lord Langdale expressed his view 'that in the management of any Documents and Papers which may be transferred from the Treasury or any other Government Office, the General [*sic*] Record Office ought to be merely auxiliary or subservient to the respective Offices to which the Documents and Papers respectively belong; and for that purpose that it would be the duty of the General Record Office:—

To take charge of such Records and Papers as each Office might think proper to transfer, either because they were not required for the current business of the Office, or because they could not be conveniently accommodated within the Office:

To keep the Records and Papers belonging to each Office distinct from all other Records and Papers:

To arrange them, and cause proper calendars and indexes of them to be made:

To hold them for the special use of the Offices to which they respectively belong:

To make searches and transcripts whenever required for the use of Government or Parliament:

To transmit the originals to the Office from which they came, if and whenever required for the use of the Office:

And to afford access and inspection to the public or to individuals, only in pursuance of Orders given by the Head of the Office from which they came, or some person authorised by him; or in pursuance of general or special rules approved by him.*

The Treasury's approval of these principles and rules was signified in the Secretary's letter of 18 June 1846† and they have remained

* *Eighth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records*, App. i, p. 25.

† *Ibid.*, p. 26.

ever since those by which the management of the records of the Public Departments 'in the charge and superintendence' of the Master of the Rolls has been governed.

An exception in the present volume to this category of records occurs in the case of the records of the Privy Seal Office, which as explained in the Preface to Vol. I came formally, after that volume had been made up for press, into the statutory 'custody' of the Master of the Rolls.

Another possible, though doubtful, exception is the records of the long extinct Commissioners of Forfeited Estates. These were at one time preserved in the Tower of London and were transferred to the Public Record Office in 1856 with large numbers of the Chancery records but were not specifically mentioned in the warrant. The Commissioners had been constituted a Court of Record and their records are therefore somewhat analogous to those of the abolished jurisdictions described in Vol. I, whilst resembling in other respects those of the expired Commissions which will be found amongst the records of the Treasury and other departments.

The transfer of the records of the State Paper Office to the Public Record Office was one of the early results of the Order in Council of 1852 but these records are now subject to the same rules and regulations as those governing the records in the statutory custody of the Master of the Rolls.*

The records of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments are, as explained in the Preface to Vol. I, in a special category, being now preserved in the Public Record Office by virtue of the Deputy Keeper of the Records holding also the Office of Keeper of the Land Revenue Records.

The following are the Regulations in force on 31 December 1923 for the inspection of books and documents belonging to the various Departments of the Government deposited in the Public Record Office. They are subject to occasional changes and modifications which will be found posted up in the Literary Search Room.

ADMIRALTY.—Ships' Logs and Journals, Muster Books and Pay Books are open to public inspection without any restriction as to date. Other records are open to the end of the year 1837, with the following exceptions, viz.—

1. Solicitors' Letters and Law Officers' Opinions.
2. Greenwich Hospital Estates Records.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S DEPARTMENT.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1800.

COLONIAL OFFICE.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1860, with the following exceptions, viz.—

1. All records relating to the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar and Malta.
2. Newfoundland Papers after 1759.

No permits are required for the inspection of volumes consisting of printed Gazettes, Minutes of Legislative Councils, Journals of Houses of Assembly, Colonial Sessional Papers, and other similar Papers which may be presumed to have been made public in the Colonies.

* See Section 3 of the Rules and Regulations printed at p. xviii of Vol. I of this Guide.

BOARD OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837.

EXCHEQUER AND AUDIT OFFICE.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837, with the following exception, viz.—
Foreign Claims.

FOREIGN OFFICE.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1860, with the following exception, viz.—
Papers relating to the Newfoundland Fisheries.

HOME OFFICE.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837; and the Census Enumeration Books of 1841 and 1851 on payment of fees.

OFFICE OF INLAND REVENUE.—The Apprenticeship Books are open to public inspection.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837.

SIGNET OFFICE.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837.

LORD STEWARD'S DEPARTMENT.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1800.

BOARD OF TRADE.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837.

TREASURY.—Open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837, with the following exception, viz.—
Civil List Records.

WAR OFFICE.—Pay Lists, Muster Rolls and Monthly Returns are open to public inspection without any restriction as to date. Other records are open when fifty years old, except that in the case of Correspondence and the Commander-in-Chief's Memoranda Papers records of less than seventy years old are subject to censorship.

No other records of the above Departments and no records of any kind of the following Departments can be inspected without a special permit from the Department concerned:—

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSION.

MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS.

NATIONAL DEBT OFFICE.

PRIVY PURSE OFFICE.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.

REGISTRAR GENERAL.

TREASURY SOLICITOR.

OFFICE OF WORKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The system upon which this Guide has been compiled, the records being shown under the classes to which they belong and the index being left to fill the need of a subject guide, has been sufficiently

explained in the first volume. Brief indications have been given under each class of the means of reference to it, but for more detailed information on this head the searcher must have recourse to the General Catalogue of lists, indexes, &c., described in Vol. I. Typed copies of this Catalogue will be found on the shelves of the Search Rooms.

In the case of most of the Departmental records a system of shortened reference to the various classes has been adopted at the Public Record Office. This consists usually of the initials of the Department (*e.g.*, C.O. = Colonial Office), sometimes of a single word or part of a word (*e.g.*, Works = Office of Works, Inl. = Inland Revenue Office), followed by a number to represent the particular class. Where this system has been adopted uniformly throughout the records of a department, the short reference is shown in this work in parentheses after the full title of each class and should be used by the public in applying for any documents in these classes. Thus, to take one instance, in applying for the Judge Advocate General's Correspondence relative to Courts Martial amongst the records of the War Office (*see* p. 194), it will suffice to write on the application ticket the short reference **W.O. 72** followed by the number of the bundle required.

The account of the State Paper Office and of the records of the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates and the description of certain of the expired commissions, whose records are now with those of the Treasury, are partly based upon the descriptions given in Mr. Scargill-Bird's Guide. The rest of the present volume is new.

The index has again been made under my direction by Mr. D. L. Evans.

My thanks are due to Mr. H. E. Headlam, the Assistant Keeper in charge of the Government Search Room in this Department, and to others of my colleagues for assistance given me in the course of the work.

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RECORDS OF THE STATE PAPER OFFICE.

Anciently, as has been already explained in Volume I of the present work, the affairs of the State in England as directed by the King's Council were put in execution through the Chancery, the Chancellor exercising all the functions which can pertain to a modern Secretary of State. The acts of the Chancery required to be authenticated by the Great Seal of which the Chancellor was the keeper, and were recorded at length on the rolls of that department.

In process of time the business of the State began to be exercised in a less formal manner, and to be diverted into other channels, and the King's Secretary (who was at first styled the King's Clerk, then Secretary, afterwards Principal Secretary, and who, probably about the time of Elizabeth, was first called Secretary of State), was gradually employed to execute much of the business formerly pertaining to the Chancellor.

In the reign of Henry VIII the King's Principal Secretary had become a person of so great importance that his rank and precedence were determined by Stat. 31 Hen. VIII, c. 10, and the business and correspondence of his office so much increased as to require in the same reign a second Principal Secretary, and subsequently a third. Each of these Secretaries, prior to the establishment of an office for the reception of their papers, as distinct from those of the Chancery, had the custody of the papers accumulated in his department.

The State Paper Office, or, as it was originally called, the 'Office of Her Majesty's Papers and Records for business of State and Council,' was established by Queen Elizabeth in 1578, when Dr. Thomas Wilson was appointed 'Clerk of the Papers.'* It was erected in order to prevent the 'embezzlement' of the papers owing to the frequent changes of Secretaries of State, and also because it was thought necessary 'that a certain place should be appointed for them and a fit man chosen for registering and keeping them in order, who should be tied by oath for the secrecy and safe keeping thereof.'

Whenever a Secretary of State or other Minister resigned office or died it was usual to issue a Warrant for the delivery of his papers to the Keeper of the Papers, but such papers were frequently detained and only recovered by the most indefatigable exertions on the part of the successive Keepers in hunting them out. Sir Thomas Wilson, who succeeded to the office in the beginning of the reign of James I, spared no pains to increase the importance of his office and to recover any papers which he judged ought rightly to be in his custody, and the King gave him every encouragement to do so. In a Memorial issued by him about the year 1613, it is stated that there were then two sorts of papers in the State Paper Office, 'those that have been long kept at Whitehall and those brought from Salisbury House by himself since the Lord Treasurer's decease, *which were far the greater in number.*'

Notwithstanding this transfer, however, a large mass of papers appears to have been retained by the Secretaries of the late Lord Treasurer,

* For a full account of the State Paper Office, see the introduction to the Calendar of Documents relating to the history of that office in D.K. Report XXX, App., pp. 212 *seqq.*

one portion of which is now preserved in the Library of Hatfield House, the other having found its way, after a number of vicissitudes, into the Lansdowne collection of MSS. in the British Museum, of which under the title of 'Burghley Papers,' it forms a most important division. Other extensive collections of scattered papers which had escaped the vigilance of successive Keepers of the Papers were made by Sir Robert Cotton in the reign of James I, by Sir Joseph Williamson in that of Charles II, and by Robert Harley, afterwards Earl of Oxford, towards the close of the 17th century. Two of these are well known as the Cottonian and Harleian collections in the British Museum, whilst the collection of Sir Joseph Williamson, which was placed by its originator in the State Paper Office, now forms part of the series of Domestic State Papers.

The dispersion of State Papers was, however, never entirely checked, and, in addition to the collections above mentioned, they are to be found in great numbers in the libraries of the Universities, in the Lambeth Library, and in almost every private library of note. Those existing in private collections are now, however, being widely made known by means of the Reports issued from time to time by the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

No systematic arrangement of the State Papers appears to have been attempted until Sir Thomas Wilson, the nephew of the first 'Keeper,' succeeded to the office in the beginning of the reign of James I. Previous to that time they were kept in chests, and appear to have been in great confusion. By Sir Thomas Wilson, however, they were 'reduced to a set form of library,' and placed 'in very convenient rooms near the old Banqueting House' at Whitehall.

The plan first adopted by him of dividing the papers under the two heads of 'Domestical' and 'Foreign,' though interfered with many times during the long period which has intervened by divisions and sub-divisions, is identical with that now in use, and is found, with the additional division of 'Colonial,' to be the simplest and best for all practical purposes.

The Colonial papers formerly in the State Paper Office have now been amalgamated with those of the Colonial Office preserved in the Public Record Office and are described in the present work under the head of **COLONIAL OFFICE**.

The papers relating to Ireland and Scotland, those relating to the former country being especially voluminous, have also been always kept distinct.

In the year 1782 a clear division was made in the business of the two principal Secretaries of State by the establishment of the Home and Foreign departments. The State Papers prior to that date, both domestic and foreign, are now regarded as records of the old State Paper Office but from that year onwards as records of the Home Office and Foreign Office respectively.

But few attempts were made by the early 'Keepers' to calendar the State Papers. In 1764 Commissioners were appointed to methodize, regulate and digest the State Papers. They reported that although there were catalogues to some, there were no regular calendars, and strongly urged the necessity for the preparation of complete calendars and indexes.

Although they were authorized by a Warrant, dated 16 July, 1764, to make exact calendars and indexes to all the said Papers and

Records, their proceedings appear to have been confined to sorting and arranging the papers until 1800, when their Commission was revoked, and a small establishment of clerks was allowed to the Keeper of State Papers.

In 1825 a Commission was issued for printing and publishing the documents of the State Paper Office, it having been then considered, as stated (somewhat prematurely) in the Commission, that the documents were in a great measure arranged and indexed.

Under the auspices of this Commission selections of the most important letters of the reign of Henry VIII were printed between the years 1830 and 1852 in 11 quarto volumes, with Indexes of persons and places.

It was not, however, until the State Papers, by the operation of the Record Act of 1 and 2 Vict. c. 94, and by the Order in Council of 5 March, 1852, were placed under the charge and superintendence of the Master of the Rolls that any regular system of calendars was adopted. Since that date close upon 200 volumes of Calendars of the Domestic, Foreign, and Colonial Papers, ranging from the reign of Henry VIII to that of George III, have been published, in the greater number of which the historical information contained in the original documents is reproduced with a minuteness of detail sufficient to render access to the original papers largely unnecessary. A List of some Printed Books, containing State Papers, is given in the Deputy Keeper's 28th Report, pp. 140-141.

Lists of the State Papers relating to Great Britain and Ireland, including the Letters and Papers of the reign of Henry VIII, have been printed in No. XLIII of the series of Lists and Indexes (1914) and of the State Papers Foreign in No. XIX (1904) of the same series.

I.—DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

State Papers Henry VIII. General Series.

1509 to 1547. 230 Vols. No classification of the foreign and domestic letters and papers of this reign has been made, the documents being bound up together according to the arrangement of the Calendar, of which a key to the references of those originals which are in the Public Record Office is kept in the Search Room. The greater part of the documents in this collection was originally preserved in the Treasury of the Receipt of the Exchequer.

Calendar of Letters and Papers (Foreign and Domestic) of the reign of Henry VIII. 1509 to 1547. 21 Vols. in 33 Parts (1862 to 1919).* In addition to the State Papers and Correspondence relating to the reign of Henry VIII preserved not only in the Public Record Office but in the British Museum, the Libraries of Oxford and Cambridge and elsewhere, these volumes contain abstracts of all Grants from the Crown on the Patent Rolls, Privy Seals, Accounts of the Army, Navy and Ordnance, Papal Bulls and other documents illustrating in any way the political, social, or religious history of the country during the reign of Henry VIII.

* A second edition of Vol. I in three Parts, revised and greatly enlarged, has been published (1920).

I.—DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN—(continued).**State Papers Henry VIII. General Series—(continued).**

The following special classes of records and state papers follow the above general series and are all described in this Calendar :—

Folios.

1516 to 1539. 20 Vols. Miscellaneous documents of similar nature to the foregoing but of larger size.

Lisle Papers.

1533 to 1540. 18 Vols. Correspondence of Arthur Plantagenet, Lord Lisle, when Deputy of Calais, mostly of a private nature.

Signatures by Stamp.

Sept. 1545 to Jan. 1547. 1 Vol. Lists of documents signed with the King's secret stamp.

Suppression Papers.

5 Vols. A collection of documents, formerly amongst the Miscellanea of the King's Remembrancer, consisting of Views of Accounts of the possessions of Religious Houses, with Accounts of the Pensions assigned to the Monks and other occupants, and including detailed statements of the charges of immorality, &c., brought against them, known as the 'Compendium Compertorum.'

Descriptive Slips. 1 Vol. MS.

Theological Tracts.

13 Vols. A special collection of tracts on theological and other subjects.

Wriothesley Papers.

1536 to 1540. 1 Vol. Letters addressed to Thomas Wriothesley, one of the King's principal secretaries.

King William's Chest.

1670 to 1702. 18 Vols. These consist of the contents of a sealed chest of the private papers of William III, both as Prince of Orange and subsequently as King, which appears to have been kept originally at Kensington Palace. Many of the letters, such as those from the Duke of York, afterwards James II, to the Prince of Orange, have been printed *in extenso* in Sir John Dalrymple's *Memoirs of Great Britain and Ireland* (2 Vols. London, 1771, 1773). Although the class is now placed with the Domestic State Papers and the letters and papers in it are described in the *Calendars* of that series so far as they have been already published, a very large proportion of its contents deals with foreign affairs.

State Papers Miscellaneous.

243 Vols. and Bundles. This class comprises a collection of manuscript notes, Pamphlets and Treaties made by Sir Joseph Williamson, the Keeper of the State Papers between 1661 and 1702, and including notes on Heraldry and Genealogy, and as to the King's Prerogatives, &c. ; a case containing a few

I.—DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN—(continued).**State Papers Miscellaneous—**(continued).

original Grants of Arms, some of which are finely illuminated (1509 to 1583, and 1647); extracts from records relating to claims of service at Coronations; various tracts and treatises, amongst them a discourse by Selden on the two great offices, the Lord Chancellorship of England and the Keepership of the Great Seal, with other matters relating to the Court of Chancery; notes of miscellaneous information on a great variety of subjects; and diplomatic and political notes relating to foreign countries, the styles and titles of foreign princes, and a collection of Maps, Plans and engravings selected from the Foreign State Papers.

Descriptive List. MS.

Maps.

62 Documents. Maps and plans, naval charts, plans of fortifications, &c., English, Irish, Colonial and Foreign.

Descriptive List. MS.

II.—DOMESTIC.**State Papers Domestic, Edward VI.**

1547 to 1553. 19 Vols. In addition to the ordinary letters and papers these include the following:—

A discussion of Bishop Hooper's views on the Sacrament, by STEPHEN GARDINER, BISHOP OF WINCHESTER. 1550. [Vol. 12.]

Account book of the First Fruits and Tenths Office. 1552. [Vol. 16.]

The STATUTES OF THE ORDER OF THE GARTER as ordained by King Edw. VI. 1552. [Vol. 17.]

Register of GRANTS OF CROWN LANDS during the reign of Edward VI. [Vol. 19.]

Calendar. In Vol. I of the *Calendar of State Papers (Domestic Series) of the reigns of Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth.*

State Papers Domestic, Mary.

1553 to 1558. 14 Vols.

Calendar. As above.

State Papers Domestic, Elizabeth.

1558 to 1603. 289 Vols. and 9 Cases of Parchment Documents. Amongst the volumes in addition to those containing the ordinary letters and papers are the following of a special character:—

LAY SUBSIDY ACCOUNTS. 1 Eliz. [Vol. 9.]

A VISITATION OF THE PROVINCE OF YORK. 1559. [Vol. 10.]

A manuscript describing the FOUNDERS and BENEFACTORS of various COLLEGES IN CAMBRIDGE; and the names of all those at present in the University. 1563? [Vol. 32.]

CERTIFICATES OF MUSTERS in various counties. 1569 to 1573. [Vols. 50, 52, 55-57, 61-65, 70, 72, 94.]

Commission of inquiry into the voyage of JOHN HAWKYNs to the West Indies. July, 1569. [Vol. 53.]

A Register of Grants of Dispensations for Plurality of Benefices. 1539 to 1570. [Vol. 76.]

Depositions, pleadings, &c., in a cause of GREVILLE v. ALFORD in Chancery. [Vol. 79.]

II.—DOMESTIC—(continued).

State Papers Domestic, Elizabeth—(continued).

- A RETURN made in 1571 by the Mayor and Aldermen of London 'OF ALL THE STRAUNGERS WITHIN LONDON AND SOUTHWARK AND THE LIBERTIES THEREOF,' giving the names of all the foreigners then in London, distinguishing their nations, the wards and parishes in which they dwelt, their trades and occupations, and the churches or congregations frequented by them. [Vol. 82. Printed *in extenso* in *Huguenot Soc. of Lond. Publications*, Vol. X, Part ii, pp. 1-139.]
- A similar return. 1571. [Vol. 84. Printed *ibid.* pp. 140-154.]
- SURVEYS of the ISLE of SHEPPEY. May, 1572. [Vol. 87.]
- An account of the 'State and Force of the Kingdom,' comprising a general view of the naval and military resources of the country, with names of noblemen and gentlemen who have seen service, of Justices of the Peace and other Officers, General Musters, Lists of Ships, &c. 1574 to 1578. [Vol. 96.]
- VALUATIONS OF BENEFICES throughout England and Wales, with the Tenths of the same. 1574. [Vols. 100 to 102.]
- LIST of JUSTICES OF THE PEACE in England and Wales. June, 1575. [Vol. 104.]
- LIBER PACIS. 1577. A book containing the names of the Council in the North, and of the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer there; of the Council in the Principality of Wales; of the Judges on the Circuits; and of the Justices of the Peace in all the Counties in England and Wales. [Vol. 121.]
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REGISTER OF ALIENS DWELLING IN LONDON, with the places of their births, &c. ? Sept., 1618. [Vol. 102. Printed *in extenso* in *Huguenot Soc. of London Publications*, Vol. X, Part iii, pp. 180-217.]

RETURN OF LANDS, &c., GIVEN FOR SUPERSTITIOUS USES in the parishes of LONDON and MIDDLESEX. ? Feb., 1619. [Vol. 106.]

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Petition of Sir Thos. Harris, Bart., to the King, stating that one Simon Leake, who was employed to obtain for him a certificate of descent, preparatory to his creation as a Baronet, had entered a suit against him in the COURT OF CHIVALRY, for having unduly obtained that certificate, and detailing the proceedings thereon. 21 March, 1625. [Vol. 185, No. 92.]

PROCLAMATIONS (printed). James I. [Vol. 187.]

EXCHEQUER PAPERS: Tellers' weekly accounts of receipts and balance sheets, accounts of receipts and issues, fees and annuities paid, &c. 1603 to 1621. [Vols. 206–213.]

A collection of all the Correspondence, Depositions, &c., relating to the GUNPOWDER PLOT. 1604 to 1606. [Vol. 216, 2 Parts.]

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SPEW OF THE NAVY. 1626–7. A volume containing minutes of the from al Commissioners appointed to inquire into the state of the Navy 'ec., 1626, to May, 1627. [Vol. 45.]

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MINUTE BOOK of the COMMISSIONERS FOR THE SALE OF THE CROWN LANDS. 1626–1627. Several Commissions were issued by Charles I in the second year of his reign to James, Earl of Marlborough, and others for the selling or letting to farm of divers of the Crown Lands. [Vol. 69.]

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An Account of the stores in the OFFICE OF THE ORDNANCE, showing all receipts and issues of the same from 1619 to 1632. [Vol. 227.]

MINUTES OF THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE ADMIRALTY, including the appointments of Commissioned and Warrant Officers. 1632 to 1640. [Vols. 228, 264 and 353.]

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COURT OF HIGH COMMISSION FOR ECCLESIASTICAL CAUSES. Minute Books of the Court, 1634–1636 [Vol. 261], 1636 [Vol. 324], 1639–1640 [Vols. 434 and 434A.]

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SHIP-MONEY. An account of the money raised in Essex for fitting out a ship of 800 tons to be ready at Portsmouth on 1st March, 1636–7. This account states the name of every inhabitant in each parish assessed to this tax, with the amount with which he was charged. [Vol. 358.]

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FUNERAL CERTIFICATES PREPARED BY THE HERALDS. 1637 to 1640. [Vol. 360.]

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1644 to 1650. 29 Vols., &c. Draft and fair Day Books, Entry Books of letters received and sent and Order and Warrant Books of the Committee on Irish Affairs.

Calendar. See the Calendar of S.P. Dom. Charles I.

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The first of these was the *Sequestration Committee* (see above), by the rules of which, on an information of delinquency, if well grounded, the estate in question was seized and held until the accusation could be investigated. If the delinquency was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee the delinquent was deprived of his whole estate, one-fifth being, however, allowed to him for the maintenance of his children, and one-fifth of the proceeds of the estate being allowed to the informer. In cases of Recusancy one-third of the estate was allowed to the Recusant.

In the course of a few years the Sequestration Committee, the working of which was very unfair and unsatisfactory, was entirely superseded by a *Committee for Compounding* for the Estates of Royalists and Delinquents, the object of which was to receive from the Delinquents themselves, both from those against whom no information had been made and from those who were already under sequestration—

- (1) A confession of their delinquency.
- (2) A pledge of adherence to the present Government.
- (3) A full account on oath of their possessions, real and personal.

A legal Report was then made thereon and they were admitted to compound in proportion to the degree of their guilt.

One-half his estate was exacted from any delinquent member of Parliament, one-sixth from those who had taken part in the former or latter war, and one-third from those who had been active in both wars.

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PARTICULARS OF DELINQUENTS' ESTATES. Two very large volumes, containing Entries of Particulars of Delinquents' Estates, Real and Personal, with an Index Nominum in a separate volume. [G. 55, 56 and 57.]

SURVEYS OF DELINQUENTS' ESTATES. 1652 and 1653. [G. 58 and G. 59.]

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| 196 to 204 | Accounts of Assessments, Taxes, &c. (as yet unarranged). |
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Entries of the WARRANTS FOR THE DENIZATION OF THE PROTESTANT REFUGEES to this country after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. 1681 to 1688. Printed by the Camden Society (O.S. Vol. LXXXII) and by the Huguenot Soc. of London (*Publications*, Vol. XVIII). [Vol. 67.]

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TREASURY AND ACCOUNTS. 1716 to 1783. Letters to the Treasury, fee books, &c.

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PROCLAMATIONS. 1625 to 1804. Mostly printed but including some MS. drafts.

STATE PAPER OFFICE COLLECTION. 1546 to 1822. A collection of documents relating to the history of the State Paper Office. A calendar of these down to the year 1800 is printed in the Appendix to the Deputy Keeper's 30th Report.

FEE BOOKS. 1727 to 1782. Accounts of fees received in the offices of the Secretaries of State.

Supplementary.

?14th cent. to George III. 160 Vols., &c. A collection of Letters, Papers, Legal Proceedings and Accounts, many relating to private affairs, which are to some extent supplementary to the General Series of Domestic State Papers, although largely derived from other sources than the State Paper Office.

Included in the collection are a few Proceedings before the King's Council of the Marches of Wales, letters and papers on Exchequer matters, bundles of Johnson, Darrell, Williamson, Daniel, Carnsew and other family papers, a small collection of Maps and Plans of the time of Elizabeth, another of original Proclamations extending from 1620 to 1676, papers of the Parliamentary Committees of the Commonwealth period, &c.

MS. Inventory,

Channel Islands.

1671 to 1782. 11 Bundles, &c. Earlier correspondence relating to the Channel Islands will be found in the general series of Domestic State Papers.

Calendar. 1619 to 1770. 3 Vols. MS. The documents are more fully described in the printed calendars so far as these already cover the period.

Isle of Man.

1761 to 1783. 2 Vols.

Calendar. 1761 to 1775, see the Calendar of 'Home Office' Papers.

III.—SCOTLAND, INCLUDING BORDERS.**Border Papers.**

1558 to 1603. 42 Vols. These contain the correspondence, reports, &c., of the Wardens of the Marches between England and Scotland, who in addition to their regular duties of policing the debatable land between the two kingdoms were frequently employed to keep the English Government informed of internal affairs in Scotland. From 1558 to June 1577 the papers are described in the printed Calendars of the Foreign State Papers.

Calendar. The Border Papers, 1560 to 1603. 2 Vols. (General Register House, Edinburgh, 1894, 1896.) This calendar begins properly in July, 1577, but includes a few documents of earlier date omitted in the Calendar of Foreign State Papers.

Transcripts, &c.

1605 to 1508. 1 Bundle. These are copies made in the 16th and 17th centuries of documents illustrating the relations between England and Scotland. There is a MS. list of its contents in the bundle.

State Papers, Scotland (Series I).

This series is sub-divided as follows :—

Henry VIII. 1509 to 1546. 9 Vols.

Edward VI. 1547 to 1553. 5 Vols.

Mary. 1553 to 1558. 1 Vol.

Elizabeth. 1558 to 1603. 71 Vols.

Mary, Queen of Scots. 1568 to 1587. 23 Vols. Papers relating to the Queen during her detention in England.

Descriptive List. Calendar of State Papers, Scotland, 1509-1603. 2 Vols. (1858.)

Calendars. The papers of the reign of Henry VIII are described in the general calendar of *Letters and Papers* of that reign ; those from 1547 to June, 1577, in the calendar of Foreign State Papers. The following calendar, which relates exclusively to Scottish affairs and includes the State Papers in the Public Record Office, the British Museum and other English repositories, is in course of publication by the General Register House, Edinburgh :—

Calendar of the State Papers relating to Scotland and Mary, Queen of Scots. 1547-1588. 9 Vols. (1898-1915.)

State Papers, Scotland (Series II).

1688 to 1783. 48 Bundles, &c.

Catalogue. 1 Vol. MS. The papers are more fully described in such *Calendars* of the Domestic State Papers and 'Home Office' Papers for the period as are already published.

Letter Books.

1713 to 1746. 13 Vols. Entries of letters, petitions, reports, &c.

III.—SCOTLAND—(continued).**Church Books.**

1724 to 1808. 6 Vols. Letters to the General Assembly, presentations to Churches and other matters relating to the Scotch Church.

Calendar. 1760-1775 in *Calendar of 'Home Office' Papers.*

Warrant Books.

1670 to 1774. 36 Vols. each containing an *index*. The entries are described in the *Calendars* of Domestic State Papers and 'Home Office' Papers already printed for the period.

IV.—IRELAND.**State Papers, Ireland.**

These are described in the *Calendar of State Papers relating to Ireland*, 1509 to 1670. 24 Vols. (1860-1912). Those subsequent to 1670 are referred to in the general *Calendars* of Domestic State Papers and 'Home Office' Papers. The documents are divided into the following classes :—

Henry VIII. 1509 to 1547. 12 Vols. References to the papers in these are also given in the *Calendar of Letters and Papers of the reign of Henry VIII.*

Edward VI. 1547 to 1553. 4 Vols.

Mary. 1553 to 1558. 2 Vols.

Elizabeth to George III. 1558 to 1782. 480 Vols., &c. This class includes a few Secretary's Letter Books between the years 1661 and 1684 and the following, which are of a special character :—

IRISH PEDIGREES by Lord Burghley and Sir Joseph Williamson. Eliz. to Chas. I. Described in the *Calendar of S.P. Ireland*, 1601-1603. [Vol. 213.]

DR. MEREDITH HANMER'S COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL NOTES. Materials largely for a history of Waterford compiled by Dr. Hanmer, an Irish antiquary, who was born in the year 1543. The collection is briefly described in the volume of the *Calendar* for the years 1601-1603, at pp. 661-687. [Vol. 214.]

GENEALOGICAL AND OTHER NOTES RELATING TO IRELAND, from Sir J. Williamson's collection. [Vols. 278, 279.]

ACCOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED AND PAID FOR PUBLIC USE IN IRELAND. 1649 to 1656. [Vol. 281.]

ADVENTURERS FOR LANDS IN IRELAND, 1642 to 1659. Receipts for subscriptions for the support of the Parliamentary cause in return for promises of lands in Ireland and papers relative to claims arising therefrom. These are described in a separate volume of the *Calendar of S.P. Ireland*. [Vols. 288-302.]

REGISTER OF MILITARY AND CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS IN IRELAND. 1700 to 1720. [Vol. 362.]

ECCLESIASTICAL REGULATIONS, &c., 1711 to 1713. 3 Vols. [Vol. 368.]

COLONEL DE BLAQUIÈRE'S REGISTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE, 1772 to 1776. Col. de Blaquièrè was secretary to the Lord Lieutenant [Vols. 437, 438.]

Maps.

Elizabeth and James I. Three volumes of Ancient Maps, including a General Description of Ireland with Plans of the principal Forts, Maps of the Provinces of Ulster and Munster.

IV.—IRELAND—(continued).**Maps—**(continued).

and numerous County and Baronial Maps. They are catalogued in the *Calendar of S.P. Ireland*, and three of the maps have been reproduced in facsimile in Vol. II of *State Papers of the reign of Henry VIII*, published by the Royal Commission for Printing State Papers, 1825, &c.

Folios.

1536 to 1590 and 1707. 14 Vols. and Bundles. These include extents and valors of the possessions of dissolved monasteries in Ireland (1536 to 1541), revenue and other accounts, and proceedings of the Commissioners for Claims in Munster (1588). They are described in the *Calendar of S.P. Ireland*.

Cases.

Various dates. 2 Cases containing parchment documents described in the said *Calendar*.

Entry Books.

1681 to 1783. 23 Vols., consisting of:—

SECRETARY'S LETTER BOOKS, 1681 to 1783.

WARRANT BOOKS, 1713 to 1776.

The latter, excepting Vol. 21 (1746-1760), are *indexed*. References to both series are given in the general *Calendars* of Domestic State Papers and 'Home Office' Papers, so far as these are already published.

V.—FOREIGN.

From 1547 to June 1577 the General Correspondence in the Foreign Series of the State Papers is arranged chronologically; from July 1577 under the Countries to which it relates. Printed *Calendars* of the Foreign State Papers are in progress of issue, 22 volumes, covering the period from 1547 to the end of May 1586, having been published between the years 1861 and 1921.

State Papers Foreign, General Series.

Sub-divided as follows:—

Edward VI. 1547 to 1553. 15 Vols., of which the last three relate exclusively to Calais.

Mary. 1553 to 1558. 13 Vols.

Elizabeth. 1558 to June 1577. 146 Vols.

State Papers Foreign (under Countries, &c.).

This series consists of the general correspondence from ambassadors and others abroad, miscellaneous letters and papers, &c. It is arranged in the following classes:—

Barbary States. 1577 to 1780. 29 Vols., &c.

ALGIERS, 1595 to 1780.

MOROCCO, 1577 to 1774.

TRIPOLI, 1590 to 1766.

TUNIS, 1622 to 1769.

V.—FOREIGN—(continued).**State Papers Foreign (under Countries, &c.)—**(continued)—

Denmark. 1577 to 1780. 138 Vols., &c.

Dunkirk. 1712 to 1744. 10 Vols., &c.

Flanders. 1585 to 1780. III Vols. Prior to 1585 *see below*
Holland and Flanders.

Calendar. 1540 to 1603. 4 Vols. MS., of which the first three are now superseded by the printed calendars.

France. 1577 to 1780. 335 Vols., &c.

Calendar. 1547 to 1631. 19 Vols. MS., the first five being now superseded.

Genoa. 1584 to 1775. 25 Vols.

Germany (Empire) and Hungary. 1579 to 1780. 240 Vols., &c.

Germany (States). 1577 to 1784. 197 Vols., &c.

GENERAL, 1577 to 1696.

BAVARIA, 1703 to 1780.

BRUNSWICK, 1748 to 1770.

CASSEL, 1716 to 1731.

COLOGNE, 1743 to 1780.

GERMAN CLAIMS, &c., 1748 to 1772. One bundle containing letters and papers relative to the following matters:—

- (1) Financial claims arising out of military operations during the War of the Austrian Succession, 1748 to 1750.
- (2) Negotiations for the election of the Archduke Joseph as King of the Romans, 1752 to 1754.
- (3) Financial claims arising out of military operation during the Seven Years War, 1762 to 1772.

HANOVER, 1689 to 1714.

HESSE-CASSEL, 1737 to 1777.

RATISBON, 1689 to 1780.

ARMY IN GERMANY, 1775 to 1784. Correspondence, instructions, regimental states, &c., relative to German troops in the British service.

Hamburg and Hanse Towns. 1577 to 1780. 103 Vols. and Bundles.

Holland and Flanders. 1577 to 1584. 23 Vols. From 1585 *see*
Flanders and Holland.

Holland. 1585 to 1780. 589 Vols., &c.

Italian States and Rome. 1577 to 1729. 16 Bundles and Vols.

Malta. 1664 to 1765. 4 Vols.

Military Expeditions. 1695 to 1763. 48 Vols., &c.

Poland. 1577 to 1781. 118 Bundles and Vols.

Portugal. 1577 to 1780. 92 Vols., &c.

V.—FOREIGN—(continued).**State Papers Foreign (under Countries, &c.)—**(continued).

Prussia. 1698 to 1780. 107 Vols., &c. For correspondence previous to 1698 *see above* **Germany (States).**

Russia. 1579 to 1780. 111 Vols., &c.

Savoy and Sardinia. 1577 to 1780. 91 Vols. and Bundles.

Sicily and Naples. 1584 to 1779. 32 Vols., &c.

Spain. 1577 to 1780. 255 Vols. and Bundles.

Calendar. 1558 to 1603. 3 Vols. MS., of which the first two are now superseded.

Sweden. 1577 to 1780. 136 Vols. and Bundles.

Switzerland. 1582 to 1780. 52 Vols. and Bundles.

Turkey. 1577 to 1779. 60 Vols. and Bundles.

Tuscany. 1582 to 1780. 86 Vols. and Bundles.

Venice. 1578 to 1778. 80 Bundles and Vols.

Foreign Ministers (in England).

1683 to 1780. 70 Bundles. A collection of letters and memorials from Foreign Ministers accredited to the British Court arranged chronologically under Countries. Before the year 1683 correspondence of this kind is included in the general series.

News-Letters.

1577 to 1763. 135 Bundles and Vols. These consist mainly of unsigned dispatches, copies of foreign gazettes, and news-sheets forwarded by English agents abroad. They are particularly numerous during the reigns of Charles II and James II.

Royal Letters.

1581 to 1780. 68 Bundles. Original letters from foreign royalties and drafts of letters from British royalties. The collection begins for the most part in the year 1689, the earlier letters being distributed amongst the general correspondence.

Calendar. Anne to Geo. III. 5 Vols. MS. These refer to an earlier arrangement, but are partly keyed.

Treaty Papers.

1577 to 1780. 118 Bundles. These consist of the formal documents and papers connected with the various negotiations conducted by English Ministers and Plenipotentiaries, as distinct from the ordinary correspondence addressed to the Secretaries of State.

Treaties.

1579 to 1780. 556 Documents. These include protocols of Treaties with their respective ratifications, and numerous subsidiary documents. They are arranged under Countries.

V.—FOREIGN—(continued).**Entry Books.**

1572 to 1782. 271 Vols. This is a series of official letter-books and registers containing copies or extracts of out-going letters. It is, however, by no means complete. From about the year 1713 the entries of the letters from British sovereigns are in the **King's Letter Books (F.O. 90)** of the **FOREIGN OFFICE**.

Archives of British Legations.

1568 to 1866. 341 Vols., &c. These are the letter-books and correspondence of the British Embassies and Legations abroad to the year 1796 or thereabouts. The class, however, largely consists of the Books and Papers of the Levant Company from 1606 to 1866, and included in it are Treaty Papers from the collections of Sir J. Williamson and Sir Leoline Jenkins.

Ciphers.

Eliz. to Geo. III. 67 Vols., &c. A collection of official ciphers and deciphers, including some papers written in cipher not deciphered.

Confidential.

1726 to 1766. 110 Vols. Intercepted dispatches.

Various.

Charles II to George III. 87 Vols., &c. These contain foul drafts of letters sent from Whitehall, précis books, and some miscellaneous papers.

Supplementary.

1616 to 1825. 87 Vols. and Bundles. This class, of which there is a MS. inventory, consists of the following :—

ARCHIVES OF BRITISH LEGATIONS, &c., namely :—

Denmark, 1770 to 1780.

France, 1764 to 1770.

Germany, Bavaria, and Prussia, 1741 to 1780.

Levant Company (Aleppo), 1616 to 1825. Letter and Minute books, Chancery register, and miscellaneous correspondence and papers.

Spain [1717]. Papers relating to law and compensation cases.

Turkey, 1766 to 1769.

ENTRY BOOKS. 1669 to 1800. Ten volumes supplementing the general series described above.

RECORDS OF THE ADMIRALTY.

Prior to 1832 the duties now performed by the Admiralty Department were carried out by several distinct Boards and Offices, and the records of these since the year 1688, which are now preserved in the Public Record Office, have been for the most part classified with those of the modern department. The records prior to 1688 are much dispersed : some of them will be found below in various classes of the Admiralty records ; others, such as the Navy Board papers down to the year 1673, are now amongst the documents of the State Paper Office ; others have found their way into public libraries or private collections.

The Board of Admiralty is derived from the office of the Lord High Admiral, which at various periods between 1628 and 1689 was in commission, and since the latter year has, with the exception of two short periods, namely from 1701 to 1709 and in 1827-8, been so continuously.

Down to 1832 the business of the navy devolved on the two principal Boards of the Admiralty and the Navy, from which a number of subordinate branches had been thrown off.*

The Admiralty Board, with its Secretary, carried out the policy of the Government and was concerned with the military work of the Navy. It thus directed the movements of ships and appointed the fighting officers. It was in constant communication with the other branches of naval administration, to which it sent its orders, and corresponded with the Secretaries of State, the Treasury, and the other principal departments of State. The records of the Admiralty Board are now comprised in those of the Secretary's Department.

The Navy Board (the Principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy), as it came to be known in later times, was in origin the older institution of the two, dating from the creation of the Navy Office by Henry VIII in April 1546 under a series of letters patent appointing the Lieutenant of the Admiralty, the Treasurer of Marine Causes, the Controller, the Surveyor, and the Clerk of the Ships and other officers.† The Navy Office was subsequently remodelled from time to time, and in August 1660 the Navy Board was reconstituted by the appointment of three Commissioners,‡ to whom a fourth was added in 1662,§ to act with the Treasurer and the other Principal Officers of the Navy.

The Navy Board was concerned with the civil administration of the Navy. It had charge of the building, equipment and repair of the ships and the building and maintenance of the royal dockyards, and was responsible for the conduct of masters, carpenters and the seamen generally of the Navy other than the combatant parts of the crews.

The Treasurer of the Navy was a member of the Navy Board, but had a separate office which was abolished in 1835 by Stat. 5 & 6 Will. IV,

* C. M. Andrews, *Guide to the Materials for American History to 1783 in the Public Record Office* (Washington, 1914), II, pp. 1 *et seqq.*

† M. Oppenheim, *History of the Administration of the Royal Navy, 1509-1660* (London, 1896), pp. 85, 86.

‡ Patent Roll, 12 Chas. II, part 35 (No. 2950), Nos. 21, 23, 24.

§ *Ibid.*, 14 Chas. II, part 14 (No. 3016), No. 5.

c. 35, when his duties were transferred to the Paymaster General. The records of the abolished office are now included below with those of the present Accountant General's department of the Admiralty.

Similarly the Surveyor of the Navy, who was especially charged with the construction and repair of ships, was a member of the Navy Board, amongst the records of which will be found some of those relative to his office. The greater part of them, however, is now included with the records of the Controller of the Navy, upon whom the Surveyor's former duties have largely devolved.

The records of the Commissioners of Victualling, who were first instituted in 1683,* are now included in those of the Victualling Department of the Admiralty, and the records of the various Commissions for Sick and Wounded Seamen from the year 1698 onwards in those of the present Medical Department. Amongst the latter will be found many of the records relating to the care and exchange of Prisoners of War, although this was a matter which at different times was shared by other departments.

In 1832 by Stat. 2 & 3 Will. IV, c. 40, the Navy Board and the several Commissioners for Victualling the Navy and for the care of Sick and Wounded Seamen were abolished, and their duties transferred to the Admiralty, by whom the civil administration of the Navy has since been carried out under the direction of the special departments created for the purpose.

Other departments, whose records are now included with those of the Admiralty and separately described below, are the Marine Pay Office, the Transport Board, Greenwich Hospital and the Chatham Chest.

The records of the Admiralty preserved in the Public Record Office are with certain exceptions open to public inspection down to the end of the year 1837. Ships' Logs and Journals, Muster Books and Pay Books are open without any restriction as to date.

Class lists of these records with some exceptions have been printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XVIII (1904). The exceptions include Ships' Books (Logs and Journals, Muster and Pay Books and Victualling lists), Yard Pay Books and the deeds relating to the Greenwich Hospital Estates, the last class not being open to public inspection. In most cases manuscript lists of these classes will be found in the Search Rooms.

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

In-Letters.

1693 to 1835. 181 Vols., &c. These consist mainly of letters or minutes from the Admiralty and the Navy Board to the Ticket Office where the tickets for the wages of disabled, discharged or deceased seamen were examined.

Out-Letters.

1807 to 1830. 7 Vols.

Accounts :

Treasurer's.

1681 to 1836. 188 Vols.

* Patent Roll, 35 Chas. II, part 2 (No. 3236), No. 5.

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—(continued).**Accounts**—(continued).**Various.**

1615 to 1850. 226 Bundles and Vols. These include contingent accounts of the Admiralty and Navy Offices, of the Trustees of Ramsgate Harbour (1761 to 1787), of Signal Stations (1803 to 1815), of Naval Storekeepers at Yards and Stations abroad, &c.

Bill Books.

1642 to 1831. 155 Vols. Entries or abstracts of bills payable. The volumes are generally indexed.

Journals.

1826 to 1860. 35 Vols.

Treasurer's Ledgers.

1660 to 1836. 357 Vols. Naval and victualling ledgers, &c.

Accountant General's Ledgers.

1826 to 1860. 35 Vols. These are indexed.

Registers :**Salaries and Pensions.**

1734 to 1851. 443 Vols. In addition to the registers of salaries and pensions this class includes pay-books of widows' pensions (1734 to 1835) and of naval out-pensions (1814 to 1846), Compassionate Fund payments (1810 to 1836), &c. The volumes are generally indexed or arranged alphabetically.

Additional Pension Books.

1830 to 1885. 55 Vols. Registers of pensions, &c., to commissioned and other officers, half pay officers, coastguard, artificers, widows of naval and marine officers, allowances for the Victoria Cross and meritorious services, compassionate allowances, &c. Entries arranged alphabetically.

Full Pay.

1795 to 1858. 138 Vols. Down to 1830 there is a separate register for each commissioned rank, including Surgeons and Chaplains, with an index to each. From 1830 to 1858 there is a general register in 45 vols., to which there is an index.

Half Pay.

1693 to 1836. 255 Vols. Indexed.

Remittances.

1795 to 1851. 54 Vols. Lists of checks and remittances, with indexes to some of the volumes (1795 to 1839), Home Remittance Ledgers, each with an index of Ships (1795 to 1824), and declaration lists of foreign remittances (1838 to 1851).

Allotments.

1795 to 1852. 120 Vols. Registers of allotments to wives and relatives of seamen arranged under the ships (1795 to 1812) and declaration lists of allotments (1830 to 1852).

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—(continued).**Registers**—(continued).**Sea Fencibles.**

1798 to 1810. 147 Bundles, &c. Receipted pay lists arranged under districts.

Warrant Officers' and Seamen's Services.

1802 to 1894. 96 Vols. Entry Books of Certificates of Servitude or Records of Service of warrant officers, gunners, boatswains, carpenters, cooks, artificers and seamen in the Royal Navy. The dates given above appear to be those of entry in these books for the purposes of grants of pensions or medals or of admittance into the asylum, and are approximate only.

Indexes. 'Index to Ratings,' Series 1 and 2. 8 Vols. MS.

Various.

1689 to 1836. 71 Vols. and Bundles. Included in this class are lists of arrears of pay, of bounty to chaplains and volunteers, papers relating to pilots, miscellaneous pay lists, register of attorneys, &c.

Ships' Pay Books :**Controller's.**

1691 to 1710. 1 Bundle (8 Books).

Ticket Office.

1692 to 1856. 467 Vols.

Alphabetical List. 1 Vol. MS.

Treasurer's, Series I.

1669 to 1778. 663 Vols. (numbered 41-703).

Alphabetical List. 5 Vols. MS.

Treasurer's, Series II.

1766 to 1785. 855 Vols.

Alphabetical List. 1 Vol. MS.

Treasurer's, Series III.

1777 to 1832. 4,567 Vols.

Alphabetical List. 2 Vols. MS.

Between the years 1715 and 1830 at least three distinct sets of Pay Books were made out for every ship in commission. These were kept at the Pay Office of the Treasurer of the Navy, at the Office of the Controller of the Navy and at the Ticket Office or Office of the Controller of Treasurer's Accounts, all of these officers being Commissioners of the Navy. The Treasurer's set of the books, which occasionally contains entries of payments to executors or administrators of deceased seamen not found in the other sets, has been preserved as the nucleus down to the year 1832, when it was discontinued, gaps in the series being filled up from the Ticket Office set, which is continued to the year 1856.*

* See *P.R.O. Rules and Schedules* (1914), pp. 262-264, 290, 291.

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—(continued).**Ships' Musters :****Series I.**

1688 to 1808. 17,471 Vols.

Series II.

1804 to 1842. 10,131 Vols.

Alphabetical List to Series I and II. 3 Vols. typed.

Series III.

1823 to 1878. 9,374 Vols.

Alphabetical List. 1 Vol. MS.

Series IV.

1667 to 1798. 2,858 Vols. (unbound).

Alphabetical List. 1 Vol. MS.

Hired Armed Vessels.

1794 to 1815. 85 Vols. Other hired vessels will be found in the general series.

Alphabetical List. Typed.

The series of Ships' Musters comprise the Muster or Complete Books, the Muster Open Lists, the Quarterly Muster Books and the Description Books, the last containing the previous services, birthplace and description of each member of the crew. The Quarterly Muster Books between 1833 and 1858 are being weeded in the cases where the Muster Open List and either the Description or Complete Book are preserved.

In 1858 the Quarterly Muster Books were discontinued and their place taken by the Victualling Lists which are included in Series III above.

Log Books, &c. :**Admirals' Journals.**

1702 to 1855. 263 Vols.

Alphabetical List. 1 Vol. typed.

Captains' Logs.

1669 to 1852. 4,563 Vols.

Alphabetical List. 2 Vols. typed.

Masters' Logs.

1672 to 1840. 4,660 Vols.

Alphabetical List. 2 Vols. typed.

Ships' Logs.

1799 to 1885. 12,263 Vols.

Alphabetical List. 3 Vols. MS.

Supplementary, Series I, Masters' Logs.

1837 to 1871. 339 Vols. These have been preserved to fill gaps in the Ships' Logs.

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—(continued).**Log Books, &c.**—(continued).**Supplementary, Series II, Explorations.**

1766 to 1861. 161 Vols. Other log books of ships engaged on explorations will be found in the Captains' Logs indexed under 'Explorations.'

Alphabetical List of Series I and II. 1 Vol. typed.

Down to the year 1843 it is possible that entries of marriages will be found in the Captains' Logs which are not in the other Log Books. After 1843 all matters of importance, including marriages, have been required by the Regulations and Instructions for the Royal Navy to be entered in the Ships' Log Books.

Yard Pay Books.

1660 to 1857. 2,393 Vols. Pay Books of persons employed at the various dockyards, rope yards, &c., in the United Kingdom and abroad.

Alphabetical List. 1 Vol. typed.

Miscellanea :**Head Money Vouchers.**

1710 to 1833. 80 Bundles. Correspondence, depositions, &c., relative to claims for head money or bounties, with the Treasury warrants for the payment of the same.

Seamen's Effects Papers.

1800 to 1860. 376 Bundles. Arranged under the first letter of the name of the seaman or marine. They give the names of the claimants, and show the steps taken in each case, with the final result.

Do. Supplementary.

1830 to 1860. 39 Bundles.

Seamen's Wills.

1786 to 1882. 107 Bundles. These contain original wills where accepted as valid by the Admiralty, with orders to issue checks thereon to the executors. The original wills when not held valid appear to have been returned to the executors and the bundles contain the Admiralty's orders to that effect.

Reference to the last three of the above classes can only be made by means of the registers preserved at the Admiralty.

Admiralty Orders.

1832 to 1856. 197 Vols. Original Orders and correspondence from the Admiralty bound in accordance with the numbers in the Record Books.

Record Books.

1832 to 1856. 25 Vols. Registers of the Admiralty Orders and reference books to the Accountant General's Minutes, with indexes of names and subjects.

Various.

1658 to 1862. 174 Vols. and Bundles. Miscellaneous papers relating to claims, contracts, estimates, instructions to various officials and yards, office establishments, rates of sea pay, building and repair of ships, signal stations, stores, transports, victualling, naval yards, &c.

CHATHAM CHEST.**Chatham Chest Records.**

1617 to 1805. 130 Vols. and Bundles. The Chatham Chest was established about the year 1590 when the Masters, Marines, Shipwrights and Seafaring men of the Queen agreed, with the consent of the Lord High Admiral and the Principal Officers of the Navy, to certain defalcations out of their monthly wages for the benefit of those hurt and maimed in the service. The fund was to be controlled, under the oversight of the Principal Officers, by the Masters Attendant, Master Shipwrights, Boat-swains and Pursers, to whom the Gunners were added in 1618. In 1803 by Stat. 43 Geo. III, c. 119, the administration of the Chest was transferred to Greenwich Hospital, and was to be thenceforth denominated 'the Chest at Greenwich.'

The records consist of the following :—

ACCOUNTS. 1653 to 1743. Down to 1657 these include payments to pensioners. The later volumes consist of payments out of the Chest to chaplains and surgeons.

REGISTERS OF PAYMENTS TO PENSIONERS. 1675 to 1799. These record the orders of the governors and have alphabetical lists of the pensioners at Lady Day in each year prefixed.

INDEXES OF PENSIONERS. 1744 to 1797. In addition to the names of the pensioners and the amount of the pension, these give particulars as to wounds, the names of the ships in which they were incurred, and other information.

MISCELLANEA. 1617 to 1805. Admission papers, certificates as to wounds, orders of the governors, list of deeds and muniments, and a history of the Chest.

CONTROLLER OF THE NAVY'S DEPARTMENT.**In-Letters :****Admiralty to the Surveyor.**

1815 to 1850. 64 vols.

Admiralty to the Steam Department.

Series I. 1850 to 1859. 20 Vols.

Series II. 1850 to 1859. 58 Vols.

Register of Series I and II. 1850 to 1859. 6 Vols. A numerical register with an index, references to Series I being shown in red ink. Many of the letters in Series II have been weeded out.

Letters relating to Ships.

1806 to 1860. 77 Vols., &c.

Do. Register.

1832 to 1860. 16 Vols. Indexed.

Letters relating to Yards.

1854 to 1859. 4 Bundles.

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GREENWICH HOSPITAL—(continued).**Miscellanea—(continued).****News-Letters, Original.**

1673 to 1696. 4 Bundles.

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1639 to 1870. 166 Vols., &c. Register of dead men's wages, diaries and papers relative to the Northern and Greenwich Estates, books of orders and warrants for payments, &c., miscellaneous papers, returns and statistics relative to the management of the Hospital, the Chatham and Greenwich Chests, letters and papers relating to the discipline and management of the School, accounts, reports and estimates as to works, letter books of Admirals and others connected with the management of the Hospital, &c.

MARINE PAY OFFICE.***Marine Pay Office Records.**

1688 to 1837. 524 Bundles and Vols. A regiment of foot to serve on the ships of the Royal Navy was first raised under an Order of Council of 28 Oct., 1664.† Other regiments of marines were subsequently raised, and by letters patent of 16th May, 1702, the Marine Pay Office was established, with Walter Whitfield as first Paymaster of the Marine Forces.‡ The records of this Office, which have been transferred to the Public Record Office, are as follows :—

IN-LETTERS. 1690 to 1810. 12 Bundles.

OUT-LETTERS. 1778 to 1819. 18 Vols.

ACCOUNTS. 1695 to 1831. 86 Vols., &c. General and Recruiting Ledgers, General, Divisional and Regimental Accounts, Half Pay Cash Books, &c.

REGISTERS. 1688 to 1837. 394 Bundles. Effective and subsistence lists, musters, states of balances between the Marine Pay Office and regimental agents, commission and establishment books, &c.

MISCELLANEA. 1702 to 1831. 14 Vols., &c. Entry books of warrants, address book (1816), documents relating to prizes, widows' pensions, wills, &c.

* For the records of the Royal Marine Office, see p. 205.

† Edye, *History of the Royal Marine Forces*, p. 6.

‡ Patent Roll, 1 Anne, part 4. (No. 3427) No. 27.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.**In-Letters.**

1702 to 1862. 259 Vols. and Bundles. Letters from the Admiralty and Navy Board, from naval commissioners abroad, medical officers, surgeons and others connected with hospitals and hospital ships, letters relating to prisoners of war, &c. For reference from 1832 onwards see the two following classes, but many of the letters registered have now been weeded out.

Register of Letters Received.

1832 to 1862. 31 Vols. This gives the registered number of each letter, the date of its receipt, from whom received, its subject, and a note of its disposal.

Digest and Index of Letters received.

1832 to 1862. 31 Vols. These refer to the numbers in the Register, the Digest being classified under Subjects, and the Index being to the names of the correspondents, &c.

Out-Letters.

1742 to 1833. 335 Vols. These are classified as letters sent to the Admiralty, to public offices, established officers, officers at Plymouth and Portsmouth, naval officers, &c., and general instructions. The class includes the letter books relating to prisoners of war (229 Vols., 1796 to 1833) containing the letters sent to the Admiralty and other public offices, to the local agents and others, orders and warrants and the letter book of the agent at Paris from 1797 to 1801. Many of the volumes are indexed.

Minutes.

1698 to 1816. 281 Vols., &c. These consist of the following :—

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS. 1698 to 1704.

GENERAL MINUTES. 1702 to 1813. From 1806 onwards most of the volumes are indexed.

PRISONERS OF WAR. 1796 to 1816. There is an *Index* in 2 Vols. from 1796 to March 1797. Between April 1798 and Jan. 1800 each volume is indexed. From 1810 to 1816 there is an alphabetical summary in 2 Vols. of selected Minutes.

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SELECT JOURNALS. 1795 to 1856.

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1740 to 1860. 920 Vols. and Bundles. Monthly muster books of seamen and marines in the various hospitals, wages books, &c.

Alphabetical List. 1 Vol. typed.

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1778 to 1823. 10 Vols., &c. Establishment books of naval hospitals, lists of officers entitled to half-pay, entry books of surgeons and surgeons' mates, and wages and salary lists of persons employed in the care of prisoners of war.

Miscellanea.

1696 to 1863. 67 Vols. and Bundles. Reports of medical officers, inspectors of hospitals, &c. (1813 to 1863), special reports as to the qualifications of officers (1822 to 1832), register of wills made at the Naval Hospital, Gibraltar (1809 to 1815), journal of the committee for registering seamen for the purpose of collecting sixpences (1696 to 1699), legal opinions (1756 to 1764), miscellaneous papers relating to prisoners of war (1795 to 1820), &c.

NAVY BOARD.**Navy Board Records.**

1660 to 1837. 3,574 Vols. and Bundles. These comprise the following:—

IN-LETTERS.

- (a) From the Admiralty, 1660 to 1688 and 1816 to 1832, with *Abstracts* 1660 to 1822. (For the letters between 1688 and 1815 see the Out-Letters of the Secretary's Department.)
- (b) Letters relating to Transports, 1742 to 1832.
- (c) Miscellaneous, 1673 to 1789. Arranged alphabetically in years.
- (d) From Naval Officers, 1790 to 1832. Arranged alphabetically. *Alphabetical Register*, 1808 to 1822.
- (e) Promiscuous, 1790 to 1832. Arranged alphabetically. *Alphabetical Register*, 1808 to 1823.
- (f) From Masters, 1808 to 1832. Arranged alphabetically.
- (g) From Public Boards, 1806 to 1832. Arranged chronologically. *Register*, 1808 to 1822.

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(h) From Solicitors, 1801 to 1832. Arranged chronologically. *Register*, 1808 to 1822.

(i) From Yards, 1790 to 1832. Arranged chronologically under the several Yards. *Registers*, 1808 to 1823.

Indexes and Digests. 1822 to 1832. These embrace all the foregoing sections. The Digest which is a classified subject index gives references also to the Out-Letters and the Minutes of the Board.

OUT-LETTERS. Entry books, for the most part with *indexes* of their contents, subdivided as follows :—

(a) To the Admiralty, 1738 to 1832.

(b) To Public Boards, 1806 to 1831.

(c) Letters relating to Transports, 1784 to 1829.

(d) To the Victualling Department, 1674 to 1699 and 1799 to 1803.

(e) To Captains, 1795 to 1832.

(f) To Various Officers, 1806 to 1832.

(g) To Officers at Foreign Stations, 1770 to 1832.

(h) Standing Orders to the Yards, 1658 to 1822. *Index*, 1658 to 1822; *Digest*, 1658 to 1765.

(i) To General Bentham, 1802 to 1810.

(j) Letters as to Plymouth Breakwater, 1811 to 1831.

(k) Miscellaneous, 1752 to 1795.

MINUTES. For references to these between 1822 and 1832 *see* the *Digests* of In-Letters. The Minutes are sub-divided as follows :—

(a) Navy Board, 1729 to 1832. *Index*, 1762 to 1777 and 1796 to 1822.

(b) Committee of Accounts, 1796 to 1820. *Index*, 1796 to 1820.

(c) Surveyor's Office, 1780 to 1796.

(d) Office for Stores, 1796 to 1822.

(e) Miscellaneous, 1671 to 1770.

REGISTERS. Included amongst these are some registers of Officers appointed to ships by the Navy Board and the Admiralty between the years 1733 and 1826; original application papers and certificates of Captains, Masters and Surgeons, 1660 to 1830; establishment books of the Navy Office, 1785 to 1824; description books of artificers at the various yards, 1748 to 1830; superannuation lists, 1809 to 1832; Bounty papers, 1675 to 1822 (*Index*, 1 Vol., typed).

MISCELLANEA. Compilations of documents relating to armaments, 1790 to 1818; regulations for ships, hospitals, transports, yards, &c., 1731 to 1825; lists, surveys, &c., of ships, 1660 to 1800; papers relating to Signal Stations, 1807 to 1832 (*Index*, 1812 to 1826); returns of magazines of stores, lands and works at Yards and Stations, 1750 to 1826; minutes, reports, &c., on visitations of Yards, 1784 to 1830; Deal Yard letter books,

NAVY BOARD—(continued).**Navy Board Records—**(continued).

1696 to 1823; Deptford Yard letter books, 1688 to 1832; Sheerness Yard letter books, 1742 to 1809; letter books, papers, &c., relative to Coast Blockade, 1816 to 1831; papers and reports as to the system of Accounts, 1814 to 1837; papers relating to Transports, 1754 to 1784; papers relating to the appointment of Poor Knights of Windsor, 1803 to 1821; and other matters.

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SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT—(continued).**Indexes and Compilations**—(continued).**Series II.**

1741 to 1869. 72 Vols. This series includes some original returns of Officers' services in addition to various entry books and compilations of the same and of the appointments of commissioned and warrant officers. It includes also some registers of commissions and warrants entered under the respective ships with indexes of persons (1780 to 1849).

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Seniority Lists.

1717 to 1850. 336 Vols. Printed official lists with MS. additions of the following:—

SEA OFFICERS AND OFFICERS ON HALF PAY, 1717 to 1846.

WARRANT OFFICERS, 1780 to 1844.

ROYAL MARINE LISTS, 1757 to 1850.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.**Transport Department Records.**

1793 to 1837. 188 Vols. and Bundles. These comprise the following:—

IN-LETTERS, 1794 to 1829. Letters from the Admiralty and Treasury.

OUT-LETTERS, 1795 to 1817.

MINUTES, 1794 to 1829. These are generally in the nature of registers of the in-letters and out-letters. There are indexes from 1800 to 1804.

MISCELLANEOUS, 1793 to 1837. Ships and freight ledgers, papers, entry book and ledger relating to the hire of ships at Hamburg and charter parties of the ships (1795 to 1797), pay books of persons employed, printed rules, and letter books of the Transport Office at Deal (1796 to 1816).

VICTUALLING DEPARTMENT.**In-Letters.**

1793 to 1849. 232 Vols. and Bundles. Letters from the Admiralty, Navy Board, Treasury and other departments, the Solicitor, Victualling Yards and Stations, &c. From 1822 onwards reference to the in-letters is made from the Register, but many of the letters noted in the latter have been weeded out.

VICTUALLING DEPARTMENT—(continued).**Register of Letters Received.**

1822 to 1849. 45 Vols. now bound in 62 parts. The Register gives brief particulars of each letter with the proceedings taken thereon. Nominal and subject indexes.

Out-Letters.

1683 to 1831. 84 Vols. Letter Books from 1683 to 1822 with indexes and a Register of the letters sent from 1814 to 1831.

Minutes.

1701 to 1832. 307 Vols. Minute books of the Victualling Board and Committees (1701 to April, 1809), of the Committee for General Business (May, 1809, to March, 1822), of the Board (May, 1809, to March, 1822), and general minute books from April, 1822, to June, 1832, with Indexes from 1809 to 1832.

Accounts, &c.

1660 to 1831. 212 Vols., &c. Accounts of agents at Yards and Stations, of sea and harbour victuals, of pursers and masters of ships, &c., original contracts and abstracts of contracts between 1784 and 1828, and contract ledgers, 1776 to 1826.

Registers.

1703 to 1857. 279 Vols., &c. Pay Lists, Musters and Pension Lists of various ports, yards, &c., Registers of labourers and Description Books.

Miscellanea.

1698 to 1860. 55 Bundles, &c. Miscellaneous papers, reports, &c., and Deal letter books (1823 to 1860).

RECORDS OF THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S DEPARTMENT.

The Lord Chamberlain of the Household is responsible for the administration of all offices belonging to the King's Household. He has control over all artificers in the royal service, musicians, messengers, &c., and the King's chaplains, physicians, surgeons, &c., are under his inspection. When the Lord Chamberlain first exercised his functions as licenser of theatres appears uncertain, but the records of his Department that particularly concern them date from shortly after the Restoration. The Act of 10 George II, c. 28 (1737), which gave the Lord Chamberlain the censorship of all stage plays, recognises his authority to license theatres in Westminster and its liberties and in certain towns where the King resided. His jurisdiction in these matters has been subsequently further defined by Statute, notably by Stat. 25 Geo. II, c. 36, and 6 & 7 Vict. c. 68.

The records of the Lord Chamberlain's Department preserved at the Public Record Office are open to public inspection to the end of the year 1800. They consist of the following classes.

Accounts (L.C. 9).

- 1483 to 1878. 421 Vols. and Bundles. These comprise:—
MASTER OF THE ROBES. Receipts and payments, 1738 to 1803.
TREASURER OF THE CHAMBER. Accounts, &c., 1702 to 1726.
CONTROLLER OF THE HOUSEHOLD. Bill books, 1729 to 1782.
JEWEL OFFICE. Delivery books, accounts, &c., 1660 to 1782.
GREAT WARDROBE AND THE WARDROBE. Accounts, debenture books, daybooks, estimates, &c., 1483 to 1784; bill books, Series I (Wardrobe), 1617 to 1768; bill books, Series II (Great Wardrobe and after 1782 Lord Chamberlain's), 1749 to 1793.
LORD CHAMBERLAIN. Accounts, daybooks, petitions for allowances, accounts and ledgers of Palaces, &c., Hen. VIII to 1878.

Bill Books :

- Series III (L.C. 10).** 1784 to 1894. 39 Vols.
Series IV (L.C. 11). 1784 to 1900. 322 Vols. Entry books of bills or duplicates of them bound in volumes. They include bills of messengers, inspectors of palaces, tradesmen, &c. For Series I and II *see* above under **Accounts**.

Correspondence (L.C. 1).

1707 to 1890. 548 Vols. With the exception of a few letters of the 18th cent. the bulk of this correspondence is subsequent to the year 1800.

The class consists of the following:—

- ORIGINAL IN-LETTERS,** 1707 to 1856, with Index (3 Vols.), 1812 to 1857.
LETTER BOOKS, 1783 to 1858. These contain principally entries of Out-Letters, but include some of letters received from Government departments. From 1804 onwards each volume is indexed.

Correspondence (L.C. 1)—(continued).

SEMI-OFFICIAL LETTERS, 1851 to 1857. Two volumes of entries of Out-Letters, each indexed.

GENERAL LETTERS, 1858 to 1890. The originals of the letters received and drafts or copies of those sent out are bound in separate volumes, and are further classified as Appointments, Court Proceedings, Expenditure, Insignia, Palaces and Chapels, Theatres, Works of Art and Miscellaneous.

Levées, Drawing Rooms, &c. (L.C. 6).

1773 to 1896. 90 Vols. These comprise notices of Levées, Drawing Rooms, &c., registers of persons present, Presentation and Invitation lists, &c.

Miscellanea (L.C. 5).

1516 to 1900. 237 Vols. and Bundles. The following amongst other records are included in this class :—

MASTER OF THE CEREMONIES. Note books, bound papers, &c., 1612 to 1846.

TREASURER OF THE CHAMBER AND PAY OFFICE. Warrant books, 1660 to 1800.

CONTROLLER OF THE HOUSEHOLD. Warrant books, 1754 to 1781.

WARDROBE. Copies of warrants and warrant books, 1516 to 1782; delivery books, receipt books, Treasury orders to the Exchequer, entry books of wills and letters of attorney, &c., 1547 to 1791.

JEWEL OFFICE. Warrant books, &c., 1618 to 1793.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN. Original warrants, James I to George III; warrant books, 1628 to 1854; petitions, orders, precedent books, miscellaneous papers, &c., c. 1520 to 1900.

Recognizances (L.C. 4).

1532 to 1774. 219 Rolls and Vols. These are the recognizances on statutes merchant for the payment of debts entered into before one of the two Chief Justices or in vacation before the Mayor of the Staple at Westminster and the Recorder of London pursuant to Stat. 23 Hen. VIII, c. 6, and 27 Eliz., c. 4, s. 5. The rolls and the entry books of the Recognizances belonged to the office of the Clerk of the Recognizances appointed under these statutes, and their existence amongst the records of the Lord Chamberlain's Department appears to be accidental.*

They are as follows :—

RECOGNIZANCE ROLLS, 24 Hen. VIII to 15 Geo. III, with *Indexes* 1 James I to 27 Chas. II.

ENTRY BOOKS OF RECOGNIZANCES, 32 Hen. VIII to 32 Geo. II, with *Indexes* 32 Hen. VIII to 25 Chas. II.

* An undated note in some of the entry books states that the twenty-two large folio volumes were bought by Mr. Nicholas Doning of Serjeant Hampson by the mediation of Mr. Francis Moore.

Registers (L.C. 3).

1641 to 1875. 72 Vols., &c. These comprise the following :—
ESTABLISHMENTS, 1641 to 1849.
ADMISSIONS TO OFFICES, 1660 to 1848.
PERSONS ASSESSED FOR TAXES, 1759 to 1869.
SALARY, LIVERY AND PENSION BOOKS, 1667 to 1875.
SIGN MANUAL WARRANTS FOR APPOINTMENTS, 1689 to 1833.
Entry books and originals.
APPOINTMENT BOOKS, Series I, 1685 to 1838.
Do. Series II, 1660 to 1851.

Office of Robes : Accounts (L.C. 12).

1860 to 1901. 4 Vols.

Do. Letter Books (L.C. 13).

1830 to 1901. 5 Vols. each indexed.

Special Events (L.C. 2).

1499 to 1911. 116 Vols. and Bundles. Entry books and originals of accounts, bills, correspondence, orders, memoranda, &c., relating to Coronations, Royal Progresses, Baptisms and Marriages, Funerals of royal and other distinguished personages and State Ceremonies of various kinds.

Theatres (L.C. 7).

1660 to 1901. 87 Vols., Portfolios, &c. Warrants, Registers of Licences, Inspection Reports, Plans of Theatres, &c.

RECORDS OF THE COLONIAL OFFICE.

The records at the Public Record Office now classified under this description comprise those which were formerly preserved at the State Paper Office as State Papers Colonial, and those which, since its existence as a distinct department of state, have accumulated in the Colonial Office and have been transmitted thence at first to the State Paper Office and afterwards, when that office was amalgamated with the Public Record Office, directly to the latter department.

In the State Paper Office were deposited, in addition to the records which came from the offices of the Secretaries of State, those formerly known as 'Board of Trade Records,' which had accrued from the various committees of the Privy Council and special commissions appointed prior to the year 1782 to deal with matters affecting trade and the foreign plantations. These have now been incorporated in their respective classes of the 'Colonial Office Records.'

Prior to the Restoration several committees of the Privy Council and special commissions were appointed in the 17th century to investigate and settle questions arising out of particular trades and colonies, but the first commission to deal with all the colonies was appointed in April, 1634. Officially termed the Commission for Foreign Plantations, it continued to sit at least as late as August, 1641.*

In 1660 Charles the Second established a Council of Foreign Plantations (having already, in the same year, erected a Council of Trade), which executed those duties, or a part of them, which are now discharged by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. By Letters Patent of 27th September, 1672, the business of the two Councils of Trade and Plantations was united and a Board erected called 'The Council of Trade and Plantations.'

This Council was disestablished by Letters Patent of 21st December, 1675, and its Papers, &c., directed to be delivered up to the Clerk of the Privy Council. It was, however, revived by William III, who, by Letters Patent dated 16th December, 1695, appointed Commissioners for promoting Trade generally, and inspecting and managing the Plantations in America and elsewhere. Similar commissions were issued from time to time until 1781.

Concurrently with the administration of the Board of Trade, which was concerned primarily with the economic development of the colonies, and independently of it, ran that of the Secretaries of State, who dealt more especially with political matters and questions affecting the military defences. Most of the colonial business fell to the province of the secretary for the southern department, but in 1768 a third Secretary of State to deal with the colonies only was appointed.

By Statute 22 George II, c. 82 (1782), the office of Secretary of State for the Colonies was abolished and also the Council of Trade and Plantations, the powers exercised by the latter being entrusted to such committee or committees as His Majesty might appoint. The Colonies then appear to have become a subordinate branch of the Home Department, known as the 'Office for Plantations.'

* As to this and the numerous early commissions, &c., see C. M. Andrews, *British Committees, Commissions and Councils of Trade, 1622-1675* (John Hopkins University Studies, XXVI).

A Department of War was created on the 11th July, 1794. To this was transferred in 1801 the business of the colonies, up to that date transacted at the Home Office, the Secretary of State being designated the Secretary for the Department of War and Colonies.

On the outbreak of the Russian War in 1854 a Secretary of State for the Colonies was again appointed to relieve the War Secretary of colonial business, and the two departments have since that date remained entirely distinct.

The records of the Colonial Office preserved at the Public Record Office are now open to public inspection with few exceptions to the end of the year 1860. No permits, however, are required for the inspection of printed gazettes, colonial sessional papers and other similar papers which may be presumed to have been made public in the Colonies.*

Within recent years the colonial records have been rearranged as far as possible topographically under colonies, separate classes being formed under their respective colonies of (1) the original correspondence, reports, &c. (in-letters)†; (2) entry books of out-letters, commissions, warrants, &c. ‡; (3) Colonial Acts; (4) sessional papers consisting of minutes and journals of Colonial Councils and Assemblies; (5) Government gazettes; and (6) Miscellanea, comprising colonial newspapers, blue books of statistics, shipping and other returns, and accounts and memoranda of various sorts. An exception from this arrangement had to be made in the case of the general series of papers relating to the American and West Indian Colonies between the years 1574 and 1688, with addenda extending to 1697, which had already been arranged chronologically and bound into volumes in accordance with their existing calendar references. A few classes of more special character and others relating to the colonies generally will be found at the end of the following list. For some new classes which have been transferred to the Public Record Office in 1924 see **Appendix II.**, pp. 206 seqq.

A general list of the Colonial Office records to the end of the year 1837, the date at which they were then opened to public inspection, and including all the records above mentioned which are open without restriction as to period was published in 1911 (*Lists and Indexes*, No. XXXVI). A *Calendar of Colonial State Papers relating to America and the West Indies* beginning in the year 1574 is in progress, nineteen volumes extending to the year 1709 having been already issued. Another *Calendar* relating to the East Indies, China, Japan, and Persia for the period 1513 to 1634 was published between the years 1862 and 1892 in five volumes. This includes in addition to the documents at the Public Record Office those at the India Office and the British Museum. It has since been continued in *Court Minutes of the East India Company*, of which six volumes covering the period 1635 to 1663 have now been issued by the India Office.

Manuscript contemporary registers of the Board of Trade correspondence and minutes and of the correspondence in the Colonial Secretary's Office, serving as indexes to the originals, are described below, prior to 1849 in the general series of registers (**C.O. 326**) and after that year under the several colonies. In addition the greater

* The volumes containing the Colonial Acts, Gazettes and Sessional Papers have for want of housing accommodation been temporarily removed to Cambridge, but are available for research upon requisition.

† Including in recent years the office minutes thereon, and draft replies.

‡ As to these prior to 1696 see Higham, *The Colonial Entry Books* (Helps for Students of History, S.P.C.K., 1921).

number of the entry books are indexed. Tables or indexes of their contents will be found usually in the volumes of original correspondence of the Colonial Secretary between the years 1815 and 1867 and from 1874 onwards.

Colonial Papers, General Series (C.O. 1).

1574 to 1697. 68 Vols. These are the papers relating to the American and West Indian Colonies described in the above-mentioned *Calendar*.

Africa :

Exploration, &c. (C.O. 2). 1794 to 1843. 25 Vols. of original correspondence, &c.

Do. Entry Books (C.O. 392). 1825 to 1844. 4 Vols.

Africa, South :

British South Africa Company (C.O. 3). 1891 to 1899. 1 Vol. of Ordinances.

Original Correspondence (C.O. 417). 1884 to 1894. 137 Vols.

Amatongaland (C.O. 4).

1896 to 1897. 1 Vol. Proclamations.

America and West Indies (C.O. 5).

1606 to 1807. 1,450 Vols. and Bundles. This class comprises the original correspondence and entry books of the Board of Trade and the Secretary of State, together with the Acts, Sessional Papers, and Miscellaneous records arranged under the respective colonies or provinces.

America, British North :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 6). 1816 to 1868. 43 Vols.

Emigration Registers (C.O. 327). 1850 to 1863. 2 Vols.

General Registers (C.O. 328). 1850 to 1868. 4 Vols.

Domestic Registers (C.O. 329). 1874 to 1880. 2 Vols.

Antigua and Montserrat :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 7). 1702 to 1872. 144 Vols. Before 1816 and after 1872 the correspondence relating to these colonies will be found below under **Leeward Islands**, for which see the Register. *See also Montserrat.*

Entry Books (C.O. 393). 1816 to 1872. 15 Vols.

Acts (Antigua) (C.O. 8). 1668 to 1900. 35 Vols.

Sessional Papers (Antigua) (C.O. 9). 1704 to 1897. 59 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O. 10). 1666 to 1887. 71 Vols.

Auckland Islands :

Entry Book (C.O. 394). 1850 to 1853. 1 Vol.

Register of Correspondence (C.O. 330). 1850 to 1853. 1 Vol.

Australia (General) :

Australasia (C.O. 418). 1889 to 1894. 2 Vols. Federal Council dispatches and original correspondence relating generally to the Australian Colonies.

Memoranda (C.O. 11). 1842 to 1858. 1 Vol.

Australia (General)—(continued).

Acts (C.O.12). 1886 to 1897. 1 Vol.

Sessional Papers (C.O.433). 1886 to 1899. 8 Vols. Federal Council.

Australia, North :

Entry Books (C.O.395). 1846. 2 Vols.

Australia, South :

Original Correspondence (C.O.13). 1831 to 1894. 149 Vols.

Register of Correspondence (C.O.331). 1849 to 1871. 7 Vols.

Entry Books (C.O.396). 1834 to 1873. 16 Vols.

Acts (C.O.14). 1842 to 1900. 19 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O.15). 1836 to 1900. 158 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O.16). 1839 to 1900. 85 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O.17). 1836 to 1900. 77 Vols.

Australia, Western, and Swan River :

Original Correspondence (C.O.18). 1828 to 1894. 219 Vols.

Register of Correspondence (C.O.332). 1849 to 1872. 8 Vols.

Entry Books (C.O.397). 1828 to 1877. 30 Vols.

Acts (C.O.19). 1844 to 1899. 16 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O.20). 1832 to 1900. 43 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O.21). 1836 to 1900. 29 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O.22). 1833 to 1900. 78 Vols.

Bahamas :

Original Correspondence (C.O.23). 1696 to 1894. 240 Vols.

Register of Correspondence (C.O.333). 1850 to 1870. 6 Vols.

Entry Books (C.O.24). 1717 to 1872. 34 Vols.

Acts (C.O.25). 1729 to 1898. 29 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O.26). 1721 to 1898. 49 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O.27). 1721 to 1900. 98 Vols.

Barbados :

Original Correspondence (C.O.28). 1689 to 1873 and 1886 to 1894. 236 Vols., &c. From 1874 to 1885 *see* **Windward Islands.**

Entry Books (C.O.29). 1627 to 1872. 41 Vols.

Acts (C.O.30). 1643 to 1896. 34 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O.31). 1660 to 1899. 87 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O.32). 1871 to 1900. 24 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O.33). 1678 to 1900. 110 Vols., &c.

Bay Islands :

Original Correspondence (C.O.34). 1852 to 1861. 10 Vols.

Acts (C.O.35). 1852 to 1859. 1 Vol.

Miscellanea (C.O.36). 1855 to 1859. 5 Vols.

Bermuda :

- Original Correspondence (C.O.37).** 1689 to 1894. 225 Vols.
Register of Correspondence (C.O.334). 1850 to 1864. 4 Vols.
Entry Books (C.O.38). 1615 to 1872. 38 Vols.
Acts (C.O.39). 1690 to 1899. 31 Vols.
Sessional Papers (C.O.40). 1687 to 1899. 64 Vols.
Miscellanea (C.O.41). 1715 to 1900. 95 Vols.

Canada :

- Original Correspondence (C.O.42).** 1700 to 1894. 828 Vols.
Register of Correspondence (C.O.335). 1850 to 1871. 9 Vols.
Entry Books (C.O.43). 1763 to 1873. 158 Vols.
Acts (C.O.44). 1764 to 1899. 174 Vols.
Sessional Papers (C.O.45). 1764 to 1900. 848 Vols.
Government Gazettes (C.O.46). 1825 to 1900. 91 Vols.
Miscellanea (C.O.47). 1764 to 1866. 203 Vols.

Cape of Good Hope :

Original Correspondence (C.O.48). 1807 to 1894. 524 Vols.
 These include the Reports and Papers of the Commissioners of Eastern Inquiry, 1825 to 1834. *See also C.O.414* below.

- Register of Correspondence (C.O.336).** 1850 to 1869. 6 Vols.
Entry Books (C.O.49). 1795 to 1872. 62 Vols.
Acts (C.O.50). 1825 to 1900. 9 Vols.
Sessional Papers (C.O.51). 1825 to 1903. 338 Vols.
Government Gazettes (C.O.52). 1823 to 1900. 83 Vols.
Miscellanea (C.O.53). 1799 to 1900. 138 Vols., &c.
Commissioners of Eastern Inquiry (C.O.414). 1823 to 1830. 13 Vols., &c. Papers supplementary to those in **C.O.48** above.

Ceylon :

Original Correspondence (C.O.54). 1798 to 1894. 619 Vols.
 These include the Reports and Papers of the Commissioners of Eastern Inquiry between 1830 and 1835. *See also C.O.416* below.

- Register of Correspondence (C.O.337).** 1849 to 1870. 9 Vols.
Entry Books (C.O.55). 1794 to 1872. 121 Vols.
Acts (C.O.56). 1835 to 1899. 14 Vols.
Sessional Papers (C.O.57). 1831 to 1900. 143 Vols.
Government Gazettes (C.O.58). 1813 to 1900. 121 Vols.
Miscellanea (C.O.59). 1795 to 1900. 111 Vols.
Commissioners of Eastern Inquiry (C.O.416). 1829 to 1830. 32 Vols. Papers supplementary to those in **C.O.54** above.

Columbia, British :

Original Correspondence (C.O.60). 1858 to 1871. 44 Vols.
 After 1871 *see* **Canada**.

- Register of Correspondence (C.O.338).** 1858 to 1871. 3 Vols.
Entry Books (C.O.398). 1858 to 1871. 7 Vols.
Acts (C.O.61). 1858 to 1887. 10 Vols.
Sessional Papers (C.O.62). 1864 to 1900. 57 Vols.
Government Gazettes (C.O.63). 1863 to 1900. 20 Vols.
Miscellanea (C.O.64). 1860 to 1870. 11 Vols.

Corsica (C.O. 65).

1794 to 1796. 2 Vols. Précis of dispatches from Sir Gilbert Elliott.

Curaçoa (C.O. 66).

1800 to 1816. 4 Vols. Correspondence, Shipping Returns, Revenue Accounts, &c.

Cyprus :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 67). 1878 to 1894. 89 Vols.

Acts (C.O. 68). 1878 to 1879. 2 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O. 69). 1878 to 1900. 13 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O. 70). 1878 to 1898. 4 Vols.

Dominica :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 71). 1730 to 1872. 144 Vols.

Entry Books (C.O. 72). 1770 to 1872. 18 Vols.

Acts (C.O. 73). 1768 to 1900. 22 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O. 74). 1767 to 1893. 35 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O. 75). 1865 to 1899. 8 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O. 76). 1765 to 1887. 77 Vols.

East Indies (C.O. 77).

1570 to 1856. 66 Vols., &c. Original correspondence, entry books and miscellanea.

Falkland Islands :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 78). 1831 to 1894. 89 Vols.

Register of Correspondence (C.O. 339). 1849 to 1864. 2 Vols.

Entry Books (C.O. 399). 1832 to 1870. 7 Vols.

Acts (C.O. 79). 1846 to 1900. 2 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O. 80). 1845 to 1892. 4 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O. 81). 1846 to 1900. 55 Vols.

Fernando Po (C.O. 82).

1828 to 1843. 11 Vols. Original correspondence and entry books. After 1842 *see* **Sierra Leone.**

Fiji :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 83). 1860 to 1894. 60 Vols.

Register of Correspondence (C.O. 419). 1860 to 1862. 1 Vol.

Entry Books (C.O. 400). 1859 to 1862. 1 Vol.

Acts (C.O. 84). 1875 to 1887. 2 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O. 85). 1875 to 1897. 8 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O. 86). 1874 to 1900. 7 Vols.

Gambia :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 87). 1828 to 1894. 148 Vols.

Register of Correspondence (C.O. 341). 1849 to 1867. 4 Vols.

Entry Books (C.O. 401). 1827 to 1872. 16 Vols.

Acts (C.O. 88). 1843 to 1889. 3 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O. 89). 1843 to 1898. 7 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O. 90). 1822 to 1900. 74 Vols.

Gibraltar :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 91). 1705 to 1894. 408 Vols., &c.

Register of Correspondence (C.O. 342). 1850 to 1872. 7 Vols.

Entry Books (C.O. 92). 1803 to 1870. 33 Vols.

Acts (C.O. 93). 1832 to 1892. 3 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O. 94). 1839 to 1900. 83 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O. 95). 1704 to 1900. 83 Vols.

Gold Coast :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 96). 1753 to 1756 and 1843 to 1894. 253 Vols.

Register of Correspondence (C.O. 343). 1849 to 1871. 5 Vols.

Entry Books (C.O. 402). 1843 to 1872. 13 Vols.

Acts (C.O. 97). 1852 to 1898. 3 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O. 98). 1854 to 1901. 10 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O. 99). 1872 to 1903. 12 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O. 100). 1845 to 1900. 50 Vols.

Grenada :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 101). 1747 to 1873. 135 Vols., &c. From 1874, see **Windward Islands**.

Entry Books (C.O. 102). 1763 to 1872. 25 Vols.

Acts (C.O. 103). 1766 to 1896. 21 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O. 104). 1766 to 1900. 27 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O. 105). 1834 to 1899. 12 Vols.

Miscellanea (C.O. 106). 1764 to 1900. 94 Vols., &c.

Griqualand West :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 107). 1875 to 1880. 9 Vols.

Register of Correspondence (C.O. 344). 1875 to 1880. 2 Vols.

Sessional Papers (C.O. 108). 1873 to 1880. 3 Vols.

Government Gazettes (C.O. 109). 1876 to 1880. 1 Vol.

Guadeloupe (C.O. 110).

1758 to 1816. 25 Vols. Original correspondence, entry books, public accounts, shipping returns, &c.

Guiana, British :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 111). 1781 to 1894. 475 Vols., &c. Demerara, Essequibo and Berbice.

Register of Correspondence (C.O. 345). 1850 to 1869. 7 Vols.

Entry Books (C.O. 112). 1801 to 1872. 42 Vols. Including also from 1812 to 1816 Surinam for which see below.

Acts (C.O. 113). 1837 to 1896. 9 Vols.

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Patronage :

Original Correspondence (C.O. 429). 1867 to 1870 and 1881 to 1894. 9 Vols. Other correspondence relating to application for appointments, &c. will be found under **Colonies General**

Register of Correspondence (C.O. 430). 1867 to 1870. 1 V

RECORDS OF THE BOARD OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

In medieval times the Customs revenue was administered at the Exchequer but during the sixteenth century the expedient was adopted of putting it out to farm. This system was continued generally until 1671 when the Crown appointed six Commissioners to manage the Customs duties on imports and exports in England and Wales.*

In 1723 the operations of the Commissioners were extended to Scotland, their number being increased to fourteen of whom seven were to be resident in London, five in Edinburgh and two were to be travelling Commissioners for the Outports.† In the ledger books described below the returns for Scotland are generally shown separately from those for England and Wales, in which until the year 1827 or thereabouts distinction is observed between the imports and exports of London and those of the outports.

In 1823 by Stat. 4 Geo. IV., c. 23, it was enacted that the King might appoint one Board of Customs and one Board of Excise for the United Kingdom. By a later statute of the same year (c.72) the duties on nearly all foreign goods imported into or exported from Ireland were made similar to the British rates. It is not, however, until the year 1830 that Irish imports and exports appear in the ledger books.

The London Custom House has been burnt down on three occasions, the last being in 1814, when there is no doubt that a large number of earlier records were destroyed.

In 1909 the Excise Department was amalgamated with the Customs and the Excise records at Somerset House transferred to the Custom House. None of the Excise records have to the present been transferred to the Public Record Office.

The records of the Customs Department which are now in the Public Record Office are open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837. They consist of the following classes, of all of which there are manuscript and typed lists.

Minutes (Ireland), (Customs 1).

1716 to 1829. 428 Vols. numbered 13 to 457. The first twelve and several of the later volumes are missing. These books contain the minutes of the proceedings of the Irish Revenue Commissioners, who until the latter part of the 18th century controlled not only the Customs but also the Excise, Hearth-money, &c. From July, 1720, onwards each volume is indexed.

Inspector General's Accounts of Imports and Exports (Customs 2).

1696 to 1702. 10 Vols. Summaries of the imports and exports at London and the outports of England and Wales.

* Patent Roll, 23 Chas. II, part 2 (No. 3125), no. 1d.

† Patent Roll, 9 Geo. I, part 2 (No. 3552), no. 12.

Ledgers of Imports and Exports (Customs 3).

1697 to 1780. 80 Vols. These show the goods and quantities of each imported and exported at London and the outports and the countries abroad exporting or importing. Distinction is made between goods of English manufacture and foreign merchandize and between those carried in English and foreign ships. The ledgers contain also tables showing the amount of foreign gold and silver coin and bullion exported each year.

Ledgers of Imports :**Under Countries (Customs 4).**

1792 to 1853. 48 Vols. These give under the names of the countries exporting the several articles imported from each with their quantities and official values and the gross duties thereon. From 1830 onwards the information is added as to whether the goods were brought in British or foreign ships.

Under Articles (Customs 5).

1811 to 1853. 49 Vols. These contain the same information as the preceding in a different form, namely an alphabetical arrangement of the imports. The above information as to the shipping is given from 1821 onwards.

Ledgers of Imports into Colonies :**Under Countries (Customs 6).**

1832 to 1853. 22 Vols. Show under the Colonies into which they were imported the several articles with their quantities and values, the countries (British or foreign) from which exported, and whether carried in British or foreign ships.

Under Articles (Customs 7).

1832 to 1853. 22 Vols. The same information given under the names of the articles which are arranged alphabetically.

Ledgers of Exports of British Merchandize :**Under Countries (Customs 8).**

1812 to 1853. 78 Vols. Show under the countries to which they were exported the quantity and value of the respective goods and whether carried in British or foreign ships.

Under Articles (Customs 9).

1812 to 1853. 46 Vols. The like particulars arranged under the names of the several articles but distinguishing also the real or declared value from the official value and without the information as to the ships employed.

Ledgers of Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandize :**Under Countries (Customs 10).**

1809 to 1853. 44 Vols. These show under the countries to which they were exported the quantity and value of the several article shipped from British ports and whether in British or foreign ships. After 1849 the particular countries in the United Kingdom whence the goods were exported are not stated but the information will be found in the following class.

Ledgers of Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandize—(continued).

Under Articles (Customs 11).

1809 to 1853. 44 Vols. Similar particulars arranged under the respective articles. The information as to whether British or foreign ships were employed is not given prior to the year 1850.

Ledgers of Exports from Colonies :

Under Countries (Customs 12).

1832 to 1853. 22 Vols. The articles with their quantities and values are given in alphabetical order under the names of the countries to which they were exported, together with the names of the Colonies from which they were exported and whether in British or foreign ships.

Under Articles (Customs 13).

1832 to 1853. 22 Vols. These contain the same information under the respective articles which are in a single alphabetical order.

Ledgers of Imports and Exports.

Scotland (Customs 14).

1755 to 1827. 39 Vols. These show the quantities and estimated values of the several goods and the countries to which they were exported or from which imported, distinguishing between British and foreign merchandize and whether shipped in British or foreign bottoms. From 1787 onwards the amount of the duties received together with any bounties or drawbacks payable thereon is given. To the above number of volumes have been added fourteen books, copies of the returns formerly sent to the Treasury and filling certain gaps in the series.

Ireland (Customs 15).

1698 to 1829. 140 Vols. These returns are arranged under the several countries importing or exporting and give the total values of the imports and exports in each year together with their mean value during the year. Until the year 1819 the returns of each Irish port are separately stated. From that year onwards the returns are given in somewhat different form, showing under the countries of import or export as before the official value of the goods, the gross amount of the duties received together with the bounties, drawbacks, &c. repaid thereon, and whether the goods were carried in British or foreign ships. From 1825 to 1829 there is a duplicate series arranged alphabetically under the articles imported or exported.

America (Customs 16).

1768 to 1773. 1 Vol. Lists of imports and exports at the several ports of North America showing the countries from which they were exported or into which imported, together with accounts of the ships entering inwards or clearing outwards at the said ports, their tonnage, &c.

States of Navigation, Commerce and Revenue (Customs 17).

1772 to 1808. 30 Vols. Yearly statistical tables prepared by the Inspector General of the Customs giving detailed information as to—

(1) Navigation: accounts of the number of the vessels, with their tonnage and usual crews, built and registered in the several ports of the British Empire and of the vessels entering inwards or clearing outwards in the said ports, distinguishing those of British and foreign build.

(2) Commerce: accounts of the total values of imports and exports of Great Britain distinguishing British produce and manufactures from foreign merchandize.

(3) Revenue: accounts of the annual payments into the Exchequer arising from the Customs, Excise, Stamp duties, Land and Assessed taxes, Post Office, Lotteries, &c.

The tables are made out for periods of five or ten years.

Registers :**Series I. Establishments (Customs 18).**

1675 to 1813. 491 Vols. numbered 1 to 607, many volumes now missing from the series. Quarter bills of salaries due to the Customs officers in the several ports of England and Wales, including from Michaelmas 1810 the Isle of Man. With the exception of Vol. 1 this series was formerly amongst the Treasury records.

Series II. Establishments (Customs 19).

1814 to 1829. 63 Vols. and 1 Bundle numbered 1 to 62. With the exception of two volumes which supply gaps and have been transferred from the Treasury this series comes from the Custom House. The volumes for the last two quarters of 1829 include Scottish ports and from Mich. 1827 the establishment of revenue cruisers in the Kingdom is given. Bundle 62 contains original returns of persons employed and on superannuation in 1822.

Series III. Salary Books and Establishments (Ireland), (Customs 20).

1764 to 1826. 55 Vols. These comprise:—
SALARY BOOKS, 1764 to 1808. 32 Vols. Salaries of the revenue staff, each volume with an alphabetical index of names.
ESTABLISHMENT BOOKS, 1784 to 1826. 23 Vols.

Miscellaneous Books (Customs 21).

1715 to 1857. 92 Vols. numbered 1 to 96, a few volumes of the Entry Books being missing. The class comprises the following:—

ENTRY BOOKS OF LETTERS AND REPORTS, 1816 to 1857. 10 Vols.
Include both in- and out-letters of the Inspector General's Office, most of the volumes being indexed.

ENTRY BOOK OF OUT-LETTERS FROM BOSTON, AMERICA, 1768 to 1775. 1 Vol.

ENTRY BOOK OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEW CUSTOM HOUSE IN DUBLIN, 1771 to 1781. 1 Vol.

Miscellaneous Books (Customs 21)—(continued).

ENTRY BOOK OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEW DOCK AT WATERFORD, 1819 to 1823. 1 Vol.

ENTRY BOOK OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE REBUILDING OF DUBLIN DOCKS, 1823-1824. 1 Vol.

ESTABLISHMENT, &C. BOOKS. 2 Vols., one relating to the American establishment *circa* 1806 and the other an entry book of documents relating to the establishment and official routine.

REGISTER OF SEIZURES, 1715 to 1786. 67 Vols., each indexed. These have been transferred from the Treasury records.

REGISTER OF INFORMATIONS, &C., 1715 to 1727. 9 Vols. transferred from the Treasury records, the last being a list of causes on personal informations ready for trial.

RECORDS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSION.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners were incorporated by Statute 6 & 7 Will. IV, c. 77, and have large powers derived from that and subsequent Statutes in the management and distribution of episcopal and capitular estates.

The records of the Commission which have been transferred to the Public Record Office are as follows. They are not open to inspection without a special permit from the Commissioners.

Court Rolls.

Henry III to George III. 212 Bundles. Court Rolls of manors belonging to the following:—
 CANTERBURY ARCHBISHOPRIC, 2 Hen. IV to 8 Anne.
 CANTERBURY CHAPTER, 32 Hen. III to 26 Geo. II.
 CHICHESTER CHAPTER, 24 Edw. I to 23 Hen. VII.
 DURHAM BISHOPRIC, 31 Edw. III to 13 Anne.
 ELY CHAPTER, 1 Rich. II to 2 Eliz.
 HEREFORD DEANERY, 4 Edw. III to 11 Anne.
 LONDON BISHOPRIC, 14 Edw. I to 34 Chas. II.
 NORWICH BISHOPRIC, 2 Eliz. to 10 Geo. I.
 PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER, 17 Eliz. to 1 Will & Mary.
 SOUTHWELL CHAPTER, 29 Edw. III to 13 Chas. I.
 WELLS CHAPTER, 33 Edw. I to 11 Will. III.
 WINCHESTER BISHOPRIC, 11 Edw. III to 25 Geo. III.
 WINDSOR CHAPTER, 21 Jas. I to 1 Geo. I.
 WORCESTER BISHOPRIC, 4 Edw. III to 2 Geo. I.
 YORK ARCHBISHOPRIC, 14 Chas. II to 7 Will. III.
Catalogue. 3 Vols. MS.

Various Records.

John to 18th cent. 139 Bundles. These consist for the most part of Rentals and Ministers' Accounts of manors belonging to the Bishopric of Winchester, including the important series of Rent Rolls extending from the year 1207 to 1711. The class includes also Ministers' Accounts and various records relating to manors belonging to some of the dioceses and chapters mentioned above.

RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER AND AUDIT OFFICE.

The Exchequer and Audit Office owes its origin to the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866 (Stat. 29 & 30 Vict. c. 39). Under this Act the separate offices of the Controller General of the Exchequer and the Commissioners of Audit were abolished and their functions united under the Controller and Auditor General.

The records of this Office now preserved at the Public Record Office consist for the most part of those formerly belonging to the Commissioners of Audit and to various offices which had been absorbed by them in the course of their history. They include in addition certain of the records of the Controller General of the Exchequer, of which, however, the main portion is separately preserved at the Record Office and has been already described in Vol. I of the present work.

The Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of the Kingdom, called more briefly the Commissioners of Audit, were created in 1785 by Stat. 25 Geo. III, c. 52, to take over the duties of the two Auditors of the Imprest, whose offices were thereby abolished. The Auditors of the Imprest (or Prests) appear to date as officers of the Exchequer from the second year of Queen Elizabeth and something has already been said of their functions in this work.* Their records, consisting mainly of the Declared Accounts and documents subsidiary thereto, are now preserved amongst those of the Exchequer and Audit Office.

Two of the five Commissioners of Audit originally appointed by the Act of 1785 were to be the Controllers of Army Accounts, whose office was created by letters patent in 1703,† and continued by successive grants during pleasure which were finally revoked on 31 March, 1835.‡ Their records, consisting of their Minutes and Reports, will be found described below.

In 1832, by Stat. 2 & 3 Will. IV, c. 99, the duties of the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts in Ireland were transferred to the similar Commissioners for Great Britain with a consequent transfer of their records. The Irish Commissioners had been created by an Act of Parliament of 1812 but had taken over the functions of the Commissioners of Imprest Accounts in Ireland created in 1783 by Irish Stat. 23 & 24 Geo. III, c. 26.

The records of the Exchequer and Audit Office now preserved at the Public Record Office are open to public inspection down to the end of the year 1837. Lists of them for this period have been issued in the series of Lists and Indexes (No. II, 1893, and No. XLVI, 1921).

Declared Accounts in Rolls (A.O. 1).

1530 to 1828. 2,541 Rolls. A list of these has been issued in Lists and Indexes, No. II. The system of declaring accounts has already been described in this work in connexion with the

* Vol. I, pp. 74, 75, 118.

† Patent Roll, 2 Anne, part 3 (No. 3440), no. 7.

‡ Patent Roll, 5 Will. IV, part 17 (No. 4453), no. 3.

Declared Accounts in Rolls (A.O. 1)—(continued).

Pipe Office series of the Declared Accounts (Vol. I, pages 119, 120), where a list of the principal classes of accounts comprised will be found. The Audit Office series includes, *in addition* to most of the classes mentioned in the Pipe Office series, accounts in the following principal classes:—

ARMY ACCOUNTS. Accounts of Inspectors and others of various foreign corps on the Continent, of the Swiss corps, the Maltese corps, the Calabrian Free corps, &c., 1775 to 1817.

BANKS, SAVINGS. Accounts of Commissioners for the reduction of the National Debt, 1817 to 1828.

CANADA AND NOVA SCOTIA. Accounts of public expenditure, 1775 to 1805.

CIVIL LIST DEDUCTIONS. 1721 to 1811.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION. Accounts of commissioners, paymasters of pensions and others in the matter of claims of American Loyalists and other claims, 1756 to 1827.

COLLEGE, ROYAL MILITARY, AT GREAT MARLOW. Accounts of the Treasurer and Agent, 1799 to 1826.

CONSULS. Algiers, Cadiz and Lisbon, 1805 to 1816.

EMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. Accounts of pensions and allowances, 1779 to 1827.

HOUSEHOLD, LORD CHAMBERLAIN OF THE. 1782 to 1812.

INDIANS IN NORTH AMERICA. Accounts of agents and superintendents of Indian Affairs, 1755 to 1802.

MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS. Accounts of diet, funeral expenses, &c., 1584 to 1587.

NATIONAL DEBT. Accounts of Commissioners for the reduction of the National Debt, of Commissioners for the South Sea Company Guarantee Fund, of unclaimed dividends, lottery prizes, 1786 to 1828.

ORPHANS' FUND. Accounts of the Chamberlain of the City of London, 1694 to 1826.

PROPERTY TAX. 1799 to 1815.

STATIONERY OFFICE. Accounts of Controller and others, 1786 to 1825.

TENTHS OF THE CLERGY. Accounts of collectors and receivers of Queen Anne's Bounty, 1715 to 1826.

WARREN HASTINGS, IMPEACHMENT OF. 1787 to 1795.

WEST INDIA COMMISSIONERS. Secretary's Accounts, 1801 to 1822.

Declared and Passed Accounts in Books (A.O. 2).

1829 to 1848. 92 Vols. In 1829 the Board of Audit adopted a new method of preparing the Accounts for declaration. The accounts, instead of being each preserved as heretofore in a separate roll, were written out on sheets of paper of a uniform size to be bound together eventually in book form. In addition to the accounts which had to be declared before the Chancellor of the Exchequer, this class includes those accounts which under various statutes could be signed and passed by the Commissioners of Audit upon a Treasury warrant, such as the

Declared and Passed Accounts in Books (A.O. 2)—(continued).

Sheriffs' and the Irish Accounts. The volumes, which include accounts of somewhat earlier date than 1829 but apparently not declared until that year, are arranged as follows :—

Vols. 1 to 56. **VARIOUS ACCOUNTS**, 1829 to 1848. These comprise the continuing Accounts in many of the classes described amongst the Declared Accounts of the Pipe and Audit Offices and in addition the following :—

Admiralty Court, 1830 to 1845. Accounts of Prizes, Droits and Perquisites.

Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1836 to 1842. Registrar's Accounts.

Charity Commissioners, 1828 to 1841. Secretary's accounts.

Civil Services, Paymaster of, 1834 to 1846.

Civil Services (Ireland), 1837 to 1847.

Courts of Justice, 1833 to 1846. Accounts of fines, &c, pursuant to Stat. 3 & 4 Will. IV, c. 99.

Greenwich Hospital Commissioners, 1829 to 1844.

Public Record Office, 1840 to 1847. Secretary's accounts.

Secret Service, 1827 to 1847. Accounts of funds administered by various Secretaries of State and the First Lord of the Admiralty.

Vols. 57 to 64. **SHERIFFS' ACCOUNTS**, 1832 to 1848. The audit of these accounts devolved upon the Commissioners of Audit on the abolition of the Office of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer and the discontinuance of the Pipe Roll under Stat. 3 & 4 Will. IV, c. 99.

Vols. 65 & 66. **ACCOUNTS OF LAND AND ASSESSED TAXES**, 1832-1833, pursuant to Stat. 2 Will. IV, c. 1, s. 12.

Vols. 67. **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS**, 1831 to 1843. These comprise the following :—

Alienation Office, 1832 to 1836.

Heligoland, 1833 to 1840. Accounts of Governors, Agents, etc.

Commissariat, Western Australia, 1832-1833.

French Protestant Lay Committee, 1831 to 1843. Accounts of the distribution of the Royal Bounty to poor French Protestant refugees.

French Protestant Ecclesiastical Committee, 1832 to 1843.

Other accounts in some of these classes will be found in the Various Accounts above.

Vols. 68 to 92. **IRISH ACCOUNTS**, 1832 to 1848, pursuant to Stat. 2 and 3 Will. IV, c. 99.

Index. 1 Vol. MS. (Printed to the end of the year 1837 in Lists and Indexes, No. XLVI.)

Accounts declared before the Chancellor of the Exchequer (A.O. 20).

1849 to 1866. 124 Vols. These are in continuation of the Declared Accounts in **A.O. 2**. They are bound chronologically in volumes in accordance with the date of declaration.

Signed and Passed Accounts (A.O. 22).

1848 to 1867. 66 Vols. These continue those accounts in **A.O. 2** which needed only to be signed and passed by the Commissioners of Audit. They are bound up chronologically as passed and consist of the following classes:—

SHERIFFS' ACCOUNTS. By Stat. 22 and 23 Vict., c. 21, s. 28, the passing of these by the Audit Office ceased in 1859.

IRISH ACCOUNTS.

ACCOUNTS OF COLONIAL TREASURERS, &c.

ACCOUNTS OF COUNTY COURTS, pursuant to Stat. 9 and 10 Vict., c. 95, s. 47.

Accounts, Various (A.O. 3).

1539 to 1886. 1,430 Rolls, &c. These consist for the most part of the particulars of accounts, vouchers and other documents subsidiary to the Declared Accounts and frequently contain considerably more detailed information as to the several items of expenditure. With few exceptions they are not later in date than 1867 and comprise the following principal classes:—

ADMIRALTY. Accounts of the Treasurer of the Navy of Salaries and Pensions, 1760 to 1770.

ADMIRALTY COURT. Accounts of Prize Proceeds and Crown Droits, 1664 to 1837.

ARMY.

Accounts of Paymasters of the Forces, 1588 to 1605, and 1702 to 1713.

Accounts of Paymasters of the Forces (N. America), 1784 to 1785.

Accounts of Paymasters of the Forces (Ireland), 1823 to 1836.

Accounts of payments to Foreign Troops, with Musters, Pay Lists, &c., 1776 to 1816.

Staff and Garrison Pay Books, 1808 to 1829.

Cheque Rolls of the Yeomen of the Guard, 1784 to 1811.

Account of the expenses of the Army against Scotland, 1570 to 1571.

Account of the charges of the several Armouries, 1571 to 1577 and 1615 to 1616.

Accounts of the China Expedition, 1840 to 1848.

BANK OF ENGLAND, Journals of account with, 1834 to 1867.

CHAMBER, TREASURER OF THE, Accounts of, 1560 to 1715.

COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES, Accounts, &c. relating to:—

Canada, 1772 to 1825.

Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, Georgia, &c., 1754 to 1837.

Cape of Good Hope, 1808 to 1837.

Gibraltar, 1810 to 1837.

Malta, 1820 to 1847.

Newfoundland, 1826 to 1832.

New South Wales, 1837 to 1839.

Accounts of Colonial Governors, Treasurers, Agents, &c., 1811 to 1844.

Agents' and Emigration Accounts, 1829 to 1853.

Accounts, Various (A.O. 3)—(continued).

COMMISSARIAT. Accounts. 1686 to 1853.

CONSOLIDATED FUND. Cash books, accounts of charges, &c., 1822 to 1867.

CONSULS. Reports on States of Accounts, 1824 to 1847.

CUSTOMS :

Accounts of Farmers, &c., 1638 to 1672.

Receipts at American Plantations, 1677 to 1787.

Miscellaneous, 1624 to 1850.

EXCHEQUER :—

Bills, 1781 to 1886.

Ledgers : fees in courts of justice, estreats of fines, &c., 1641 to 1867.

Receipts and Payments (England), 1834 to 1867.

Receipts and Payments (Ireland), 1837 to 1867.

FIRST FRUITS AND TENTHS. Accounts of, 1539 to 1836.

FORFEITURES. Revenue from Recusants, 1635 to 1639.

HANAPER. Controller's Accounts.* 1561 to 1852.

HORSE, MASTER OF THE. Accounts of, 1693 to 1715.

HOSPITALS :—

Chelsea, 1686 to 1843.

Various, at Home and Abroad, 1742 to 1820.

MINT.

Controlment Rolls. 1603 to 1834.

Tin Accounts. 1603 to 1713.

Tower Accounts. 1606 to 1837.

NATIONAL DEBT.

State of Reduction. 1786 to 1807.

Unclaimed dividends, 1816 to 1837.

Life Annuities, 1808 to 1830.

ORPHANS' FUND (CITY OF LONDON).

Accounts of coal and wine duties, 1819 to 1836.

PENINSULAR DEPARTMENT. Supplies to British and Portuguese troops, prisoners of war, &c., 1808 to 1827.

PENSIONS AND BOUNTIES. Paymasters' Accounts, &c., 1685 to 1822. Officers' widows and others.

POST OFFICE. Controller's Accounts, 1696 to 1838.

PRISONERS OF WAR. Accounts of Expenses, Lists of Prisoners, &c., 1698 to 1703 and 1793 to 1796.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS. Accounts of the Paymaster General of the Forces of salaries and contingencies, 1808 to 1829.

REFUGEES, FRENCH, AND OTHERS, Accounts of payments to, 1796 to 1834.

REVELS, Accounts of, 1571 to 1588 and 1604 to 1668.

ROBES, Accounts of the Masters of the, &c., 1610 to 1702.

SCOTTISH FUND. List of Contributors, 1780 to 1852.

STAMP DUTIES. Accounts (containing the names of all Newspaper Proprietors), 1703 to 1848.

* These contain notes of all the Patents on which fees were paid at the Hanaper Office.

Accounts, Various (A.O. 3)—(continued).

TENTS, HALES AND PAVILIONS. Accounts, 1575 to 1676.

TOYLES, Accounts of, 1661 to 1674.

WARDROBE.

Accounts of the Keepers of the Great Wardrobe, 1559 to 1781.

Accounts of Royal Funerals and Coronations, 1603 to 1714.

WINE LICENCES. Accounts of Agents and Commissioners, 1682 to 1757.

WORKS. Accounts, 1560 to 1832.

Index. To 1837, printed (in addition to the Descriptive List) in Lists and Indexes, No. XLVI, 1921.

Accounts Current (A.O. 19).

110 Bundles. These are of similar nature to the preceding being the more detailed accounts which are abstracted in the Declared and Passed Accounts. They range approximately in date between the years 1829 and 1868.

Authorities for Expenditure (A.O. 21).

1836 to 1866. 4 Bundles. These have been weeded in accordance with a schedule but documents containing establishment lists, royal warrants and records of the enrolment of Irish Treasury authorities have been preserved. They relate to the Civil Services of Great Britain and Ireland.

Registers of Accounts received (A.O. 4).

1765 to 1834 and 1845 to 1868. 27 Vols. Down to the year 1834 the accounts are divided into ordinary and extraordinary. From 1845 onwards there is one general register save for one volume (Vol. 16) which contains Consular Accounts only. The register shows the various stages of each account in the Audit Office with the amount of the charge and of the balance, together with other particulars. Vols. 23 to 27 give in brief tabular form the state of the general register (the date to which each account has been received and audited, &c.) for the years 1850 to 1854.

Index. Each volume of the register contains an index. In addition there is an index of the services and names of accountants (Vol. 22) in the registers for the years 1845 to 1868.

Registers of Papers received (A.O. 5).

1806 to 1867. 25 Vols. These are general registers of the communications received by the Board, their disposal, &c. The last three volumes in the class are registers of the In-Letters of the Department of the Controller General of the Exchequer, for which see below (A.O. 9).

Subject Index. 1838 to 1848 in Vols. 18 to 22.

Minutes (A.O. 6).

1785 to 1867. 147 Vols. This class includes in addition to the Minute Books of the Audit Commissioners, those of the additional Commissioners appointed under Stat. 45 Geo. III, c. 91, from 1806

Minutes (A.O. 6)—(continued).

to 1822, of the Peninsular Department from 1822 to 1831 and of the Commissioners for Colonial Accounts, 1814 to 1832. In addition to the special indexes noted below, most of the volumes in this class contain indexes of their contents.

Indexes. 1785 to 1806 in Vols. 20 and 21.

1852 to 1855 and 1867 in Vols 143-147.

Abstract of Minutes. 1831 to 1866 in Vol. 142.

Out-Letters, General (A.O. 7).

1785 to 1867. 91 Vols. Entry books, each of which to the end of the year 1861 contains an index.

Reports and Letters to the Treasury (A.O. 8).

1801 to 1867. 89 Vols., &c. These are entry books of the reports and letters, with some bundles of draft reports dealing with the Colonies between 1814 and 1832.

Index. 1857 to 1867 in Vols. 74-83. Down to the end of the year 1861 each volume has an index.

In-Letters in Office of Controller General of the Exchequer (A.O. 9).

1840 to 1867. 11 Bundles. The original correspondence of the Controller General's Office numbered in accordance with the Register described above in **A.O. 5**.

Reports to the Board (A.O. 10).

1785 to 1867. 106 Vols. Entry books of Reports made to the Audit Commissioners by members of their staff.

Index. 1854 to 1867 in Vols. 94 to 106. Prior to the year 1854 each volume of the series contains an index.

Establishments and Registers (A.O. 11).

1604 to 1867. 40 Vols. and Rolls. These consist of the following :—

AUDIT OFFICE. Establishment register, salary lists and office accounts, 1795 to 1867.

CONTROLLER GENERAL OF THE EXCHEQUER. Office cash book, 1835 to 1843 ; correspondence book, 1840 to 1854.

CUSTOMS. List of tidewaiters, 1815.

EXCISE. Establishment register, 1851 (indexed).

FRENCH PRISONERS OF WAR. Registers of names, of clothing distributed, &c., 1793 to 1795.

INLAND REVENUE. Establishment, 1851.

IRELAND. Lists of the civil and military establishment, 1604 to 1629.

PENINSULAR. British officers in the Portuguese service, 1809 to 1814 ; Commissariat establishment in Spain and Portugal, 1810 to 1813.

Claims, American Loyalists :

Series I. (A.O. 12). 1776 to 1831. 146 Vols.

Series II. (A.O. 13). 1780 to 1835. 140 Bundles.

The Treaty of Peace signed at the conclusion of the American War of Independence in 1783 provided for the payment by the United States of America of the claims of all those who had suffered losses in America on account of their loyalty to the British Crown. Several Acts of Parliament, of which the first was Stat. 23 Geo. III, c. 80, were subsequently passed in favour of such Loyalists and during the delays and negotiations caused by infractions of the Treaty between 1784 and 1794 various pensions and compensations were paid to the sufferers by the British Government.

Finally, in November 1794, a new Treaty of Amity between Great Britain and the United States of America was signed, the 6th Article of which had for its object the settlement of all debts contracted with and due to British subjects prior to the peace of 1783. This Treaty was ratified in 1796 and joint Commissioners were appointed to carry it into effect. The American Commissioners, however, seceded in 1799 and a new Convention was signed in January, 1802, by which England and America agreed upon the mutual payment of claims, and in 43 George III an Act was passed for carrying such convention into effect.

The Commissioners appointed under this Act considered claims to nearly five and a half millions, of which claims amounting to £1,420,000 were allowed to be good. The divisible fund was £659,493 and successful claimants received dividends *pro rata*.

Series I of the Audit Office records of this Commission consists of entry books and ledgers containing the evidence of witnesses, reports and other communicated documents, the examinations and decisions of the Commissioners, lists of claims, &c. Series II contains the original claims and papers in support thereof, examinations, &c.

Accounts of the payment of the pensions, &c., will be found above amongst the Declared Accounts of the Audit Office. Other records of the Commission are described amongst the records of the Treasury (page 157):

Index nominum. A typed copy of the Index to both series prepared by the late Mr. B. F. Stevens is kept in the Search Room. This largely supersedes the original indexes which will be found in Series I.

Claims, Various (A.O. 14).

1795 to 1846. 48 Bundles and Vols. These consist of the following :—

BOARD OF CLAIMS AT BREMEN. 1795 to 1820. Registers of claims and payments on account thereof for goods, &c. supplied to the British continental troops and for damage through acts of war and the like, and miscellaneous papers relative to the same.

BOARD OF CLAIMS AT LISBON. 1814 to 1822. Entry books of correspondence, registers of accounts, evidence books, &c. relative to claims incurred by the British troops in the Peninsula.

Claims, Various (A.O. 14)—(continued).

SLAVE COMPENSATION COMMISSION. 1835 to 1846. Awards pursuant to Stat. 3 & 4 Will. IV, c. 73, and subsequent Acts. The bulk of the records belonging to this Commission will be found with the records of the Treasury.

Enrolment Books (A.O. 15).

1563 to 1867. 182 Vols. These are the enrolments by the Auditors of the Prests and their successors, the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts, &c., of all letters patent; warrants, commissions, &c., of which knowledge was necessary for the proper discharge of their duties. From 1682 onwards there is a separate series of books for the entry of letters of attorney, probates of wills and the like. Each volume in the class contains an *index*.

Miscellanea (A.O. 16).

1568 to 1910. 195 Vols. and Bundles. These relate to the following amongst other subjects:—

ADMIRALTY COURT. 1800 to 1817. Register of appeals against sentences of Vice-Admiralty Courts.

ARMY. 1568 to 1826. Various Musters (1673 to 1810), Computation books (1745 to 1755), miscellaneous documents relating to Ordnance, survey of Armour at the Tower (1660), &c.

AUDIT OFFICE. 1748 to 1910. Office rules and regulations, registers of accounts delivered and audited, correspondence and matters relative to the internal administration of the Office.

COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES. 1764 to 1835. Warrants of establishment and appointment, instructions to officials and the like.

COMMISSARIAT. 1793 to 1857. Correspondence, instructions, orderly books, &c. chiefly in campaigns against the French between 1793 and 1815.

COMMISSIONS OF AUDIT. 1801 to 1867. Original letters patent of appointment of the Audit Commissioners or of revocation of the same.

PENINSULAR DEPARTMENT. 1808 to 1826. Enrolment book of General Orders, letters and letter books, miscellaneous papers, &c.

PRISONERS OF WAR. 1793 to 1796. Commissary's letter books.

SOLICITOR'S REPORTS. 1785 to 1829.

WARRANTS. 1806 to 1866. Warrants for half pay, widows' pensions and the like and warrants under the Royal Sign Manual for discharging accountants.

WEST INDIES ACCOUNTS COMMISSION. 1795 to 1824. Minutes, evidence books, papers, &c.

Absorbed Departments (A.O. 17).

1580 to 1867. 499 Vols. and Bundles. This class consists of records belonging to the three following extinct departments:—

CONTROLLERS OF ARMY ACCOUNTS.

Minutes : 1711 to 1830, 27 Vols. (indexed).

Reports : 1705 to 1835, 188 Vols. Index and Register, 19 Vols.

Abstract of Precedents : 1805 to 1816, 6 Vols.

Letter books of officials at Brussels, &c. ; 1815 to 1819. 5 Vols.

Account book of salaries : 1831 to 1835, 1 Vol.

Absorbed Departments (A.O. 17)—(continued).

CONTROLLER GENERAL OF THE EXCHEQUER.

Minutes : 1840 to 1860, 2 Vols.

Correspondence books : Entry books of in- and out-letters, 1834 to 1867, 12 Vols. (indexed) ; Original in-letters, 1835, 1 Vol. ; Entry book of letters relating to Exchequer Bills, 1835, 1 Vol.

Entry books of Treasury Warrants and Royal Orders : 1834 to 1868 (Great Britain), 19 Vols. (indexed) ; 1837 to 1866 (Ireland), 6 Vols. (indexed).

Original Warrants, Orders and Schedules, 1866 and 1867, 2 Bundles.

Entry books of Warrants, &c., from various Departments, 1834 to 1867, 3 Vols.

Entry books of Warrants for the Consolidated Fund, 1834 to 1854, 17 Vols.

Entry book of correspondence as to Contingent Expenses, 1854 to 1867, 1 Vol.

COMMISSIONERS FOR ACCOUNTS, IRELAND.

Reports, &c., 1788 to 1792, 1 Vol.

Minutes, 1784 to 1832, 16 Vols. Index, 1784 to 1827, 6 Vols.

Minutes (compensation), 1804 to 1815, 2 Vols.

Commissioners' Accounts of Salaries and Contingencies, 1803 to 1833, 2 Vols.

Accounts signed by the Inspector General, 1580 to 1833, 157 Bundles alphabetically arranged under subjects.

Accounts Current, 1821 to 1833, 4 Bundles.

Legal Opinions, 1810 to 1819, 1 Bundle.

Bankruptcy Books (A.O. 18).

1832 to 1851. 14 Vols. These appear to be connected with the accounts in Bankruptcy causes kept by the Bank of England under the Bankruptcy Act of 1832. With one small exception they extend only from 1832 to 1836, an Accountant in Bankruptcy being appointed in 1835. They consist of Journals, Ledgers, Balance and Deposit Books.

Index to Ledgers. 1832 to 1836 (in Vol. 14).

RECORDS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

The records now classified as belonging to the Foreign Office date with certain exceptions from March, 1782, when the rearrangement of the business of the Office of the Secretaries of State left the Secretary for the Northern Department with matters relating to foreign countries and resulted eventually in his becoming definitely known as the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The books and papers of the Secretaries' Office relating to foreign affairs of an earlier date than the year 1782 have been already described in the present work in the account of the State Paper Office. In the division of the foreign correspondence between the old State Paper Office and the present Foreign Office a certain overlapping in years has been inevitable, some of the bound volumes in the latter containing letters of earlier dates than 1782.

The records of the Foreign Office are now open to public inspection, with a few exceptions, to the end of the year 1860. For the inspection of records of a later date the special permission of the Foreign Secretary is necessary. Printed lists of the records of the department to the end of the year 1837, now preserved in the Public Record Office, have been issued in the series of Lists and Indexes, No. XLI (1914). The Archives of British Legations and Consulates described below have, owing to the present lack of accommodation in the Public Record Office, been temporarily removed to Cambridge, but arrangements, where good cause is shown, can be made for their inspection.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

This consists of the original dispatches, reports, &c., from British ambassadors, envoys, consuls and other agents of the Government abroad to the Foreign Office, of correspondence with the foreign representatives in this country, of miscellaneous correspondence from individuals (claims, information, offers of service, &c.), and also of drafts or copies of the letters sent from the Office. The correspondence has been arranged chronologically under the following countries, &c. and bound in volumes. Some of the earlier *Registers* of the letters received and sent by the Foreign Office will be found in the class **Miscellanea, Series I**, described below, but the general registers from the year 1810 onwards are preserved at the Foreign Office.

Abyssinia (F.O. 1). 1808 to 1905. 56 Vols.

Africa (F.O. 2). 1825 to 1905. 983 Vols. Correspondence of various consuls, papers relating to expeditions, &c.

Algiers (F.O. 3). 1760 to 1850. 57 Vols.

America, Central, and Guatemala (F.O. 15). 1824 to 1905. 367 Vols.

America, United States of, Series I (F.O. 4). 1780 to 1792. 16 Vols.

America, United States of, Series II (F.O. 5). 1793 to 1905. 2,624 Vols.

Argentine Republic (Buenos Ayres), (F.O. 6). 1823 to 1905. 503 Vols.

Asia, Central (F.O. 106). 1899 to 1905. 11 Vols. Correspondence for the most part with the India Office relative to the North-West frontier.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE—(continued).

- Austria (F.O. 7). 1781 to 1905. 1,373 Vols.
 Barbary States (F.O. 8). 1809 to 1836. 14 Vols.
 Bavaria (F.O. 9). 1781 to 1897. 272 Vols.
 Belgium (F.O. 10). 1830 to 1905. 818 Vols.
 Bolivia (F.O. 11). 1843 to 1905. 42 Vols.
 Borneo (F.O. 12). 1842 to 1905. 130 Vols.
 Brazil (F.O. 13). 1825 to 1905. 865 Vols.
 Brunswick (F.O. 14). 1785 to 1830. 4 Vols.
 Chile (F.O. 16). 1823 to 1905. 363 Vols.
 China (F.O. 17). 1815 to 1905. 1,768 Vols.
 Colombia (F.O. 18). 1823 to 1834. 109 Vols. After 1834 *see* **New Grenada**.
 Comoro (F.O. 19). 1848 to 1867. 9 Vols.
 Corsica (F.O. 20). 1793 to 1798. 22 Vols. Correspondence of the Commissioners including a printed Survey of the Island.
 Costa Rica (F.O. 21). 1848 to 1905. 70 Vols.
 Cuba (F.O. 108). 1902 to 1905. 13 Vols.
 Denmark (F.O. 22). 1781 to 1905. 589 Vols.
 Dominica (F.O. 23). 1848 to 1905. 107 Vols.
 Ecuador (F.O. 25). 1835 to 1905. 114 Vols.
 Egypt (F.O. 24). 1785 to 1818. 6 Vols.
 Flanders (F.O. 26). 1781 to 1794. 26 Vols.
 France (F.O. 27). 1779 to 1905. 3,772 Vols.
 Genoa (F.O. 28). 1776 to 1803. 20 Vols.
 Germany (F.O. 30). 1811 to 1905. 323 Vols. The diplomatic correspondence with the German Imperial Court after 1870 will be found under **Prussia**.
 Germany, Army in (F.O. 29). 1793 to 1802. 18 Vols.
 Germany, States (F.O. 31). 1781 to 1819. 21 Vols. Cologne, Cassel, &c.
 Greece (F.O. 32). 1827 to 1905. 770 Vols.
 Guatemala. *See* **America, Central**.
 Hamburg and Hanse Towns (F.O. 33). 1781 to 1870. 208 Vols.
 Hanover (F.O. 34). 1780 to 1866. 160 Vols.
 Hayti (F.O. 35). 1825 to 1905. 185 Vols.
 Heligoland (F.O. 36). 1808 to 1817. 11 Vols.
 Holland and Netherlands (F.O. 37). 1781 to 1905. 884 Vols.
 Holland, Frontiers of, &c. (F.O. 38). 1795 to 1815. 17 Vols. Secret communications, including reports from Sweden, &c.
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 Italian States (F.O. 43). 1795 to 1874. 124 Vols. Rome, &c. exclusive of Genoa, Sicily and Naples, Tuscany and Venice.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE—(continued).

- Italy, Earl of Minto's Mission (F.O. 44). 1847 to 1848. 5 Vols.
 Italy (F.O. 45). 1861 to 1905. 922 Vols.
 Japan (F.O. 46). 1856 to 1905. 678 Vols.
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 Madagascar (F.O. 48). 1836 to 1895. 87 Vols.
 Malta (F.O. 49). 1781 to 1816. 4 Vols.
 Mexico (F.O. 50). 1822 to 1905. 548 Vols.
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 Morocco, Series I (F.O. 52). 1761 to 1837. 45 Vols.
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 Mosquito (F.O. 53). 1844 to 1895. 77 Vols.
 Muscat (F.O. 54). 1834 to 1905. 36 Vols.
 New Grenada and Colombia (F.O. 55). 1835 to 1905. 435 Vols.
 For the earlier correspondence *see* **Colombia**.
 Nicaragua (F.O. 56). 1848 to 1905. 71 vols.
 Nice (F.O. 57). 1777 to 1794. 1 Vol.
 Norway (F.O. 109). 1905. 1 Vol.
 Pacific Islands (F.O. 58). 1822 to 1905. 345 Vols.
 Panama (F.O. 110). 1904 to 1905. 5 Vols.
 Paraguay (F.O. 59). 1852 to 1905. 64 Vols.
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 Portugal (F.O. 63). 1781 to 1905. 1,451 Vols.
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 Roumania (F.O. 104). 1878 to 1905. 170 Vols.
 Russia (F.O. 65). 1781 to 1905. 1,739 Vols.
 Salvador (F.O. 66). 1856 to 1905. 52 Vols.
 Sardinia (F.O. 67). 1781 to 1860. 263 Vols.
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 Siam (F.O. 69). 1849 to 1905. 276 Vols.
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 Tripoli, Series I. (F.O. 76). 1756 to 1837. 48 Vols.
 Tripoli, Series II (F.O. 101). 1838 to 1905. 95 Vols. (numbered 2-96).
 Tunis, Series I (F.O. 77). 1770 to 1837. 30 Vols.

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Tunis, Series II (F.O. 102). 1838 to 1891. 171 Vols. (numbered 2-172).

Turkey (F.O. 78). 1780 to 1905. 5,490 Vols.

Tuscany (F.O. 79). 1780 to 1860. 216 Vols.

Venezuela (F.O. 80). 1835 to 1905. 498 Vols.

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Württemberg (F.O. 82). 1795 to 1897. 182 Vols.

Zanzibar (F.O. 107). 1893 to 1905. 131 Vols.

Supplement to General Correspondence (F.O. 97).

1781 to 1905. 621 Vols. Correspondence, enclosures, papers relating to various cases and claims, memoranda, &c. supplementary to the general series of correspondence. Arranged under the several countries.

Great Britain and General (F.O. 83).

1745 to 1905. 2,201 Vols. This class consists, in the first place, of the correspondence with Government Departments at home and, in the second, of a great variety of matters not relating to any one foreign country, such as :—reports of the proceedings of international congresses and conferences ; reports on the laws and regulations of foreign countries in special matters ; returns as to British and foreign titles, orders and medals and their bestowal on alien and British subjects respectively ; correspondence on the occasion of royal celebrations, funerals, &c. ; returns of marriages at British embassies and legations ; full powers, commissions, credentials, letters of recall, &c. ; circulars to ministers and consuls abroad ; commercial reports ; copyright conventions ; and the like.

Slave Trade (F.O. 84).

1816 to 1899. 2,276 Vols. Correspondence with the Commissioners at the several stations appointed to carry out the articles of the Slave Trade Conventions with various nations.

King's Letter Books (F.O. 90).

1713 to 1828. 73 Vols. Entry books of letters from the sovereign, including commissions, full powers, &c., arranged under countries. The earlier books are amongst the miscellaneous volumes in the **Foreign Entry Books** of the **STATE PAPER OFFICE**.

Letter Books—Public Offices (F.O. 91).

1822 to 1846. 11 Vols. Entry books of out-letters, each *indexed*. The last volume relates to the privileges of foreign ministers and contains lists of the persons in their embassies or otherwise under their protection (1822 to 1846) in continuation of earlier lists amongst the **Foreign Entry Books** of the **STATE PAPER OFFICE** and in **Miscellanea, Series I**, described below.

TREATIES.**Continent—Treaty Papers (F.O. 92).**

1814 to 1822. 52 Vols. Correspondence from and to Viscount Castlereagh, the Duke of Wellington and others, with protocols of conferences, drafts, memoranda, &c.

Protocols of Treaties (F.O. 93).

1778 to 1900. 125 Bundles. Arranged in alphabetical order of the various countries.

Ratifications of Treaties (F.O. 94).

1782 to 1922. 967 Parcels. Arranged similarly to the Protocols.

Miscellanea, Series I (F.O. 95).

1639 to 1847. 655 Vols., &c. This class consists of the following :—

CORRESPONDENCE. 1782 to 1847. Original letters and papers, duplicates, &c., including duplicates of the correspondence of the Ghent Commissioners relative to the treaty with America (1814 to 1821).

LETTER BOOKS, REGISTERS, &c. 1761 to 1836. Registers and abstracts of letters received and sent, classified under countries, departments, &c., and dating mostly between 1782 and 1822 ; and letter books in continuation of the series of **Foreign Entry Books** in the **STATE PAPER OFFICE**, 1761 to 1823.

ROYAL LETTERS. 1781 to 1834. Original letters and drafts or copies, with two entry books, 1828 to 1834.

SPECIAL MISSIONS. 1789 to 1840. Accounts and letter books.

TREATY PAPERS. 1639 to 1834. Copies and extracts of treaties with some original treaties (Algiers), correspondence, printed papers, &c.

VARIOUS. This section includes :—

Letters and Papers of M. Davaux relative to Negotiations in Sweden, at Nimeguen and the Hague, 1672. to 1701. *Mémoires Historiques* (or Journals) of the Marquis de Dangeau, 1684 to 1720. A MS. copy (10 Vols.).

Foreign Office establishment books and other records relative to the administration of the Office.

Commissions, Full Powers, &c. Original (1791 to 1837) and entry books (1823 to 1834), the latter in continuation of those in the **King's Letter Books** above.

Bouillon Papers, &c., 1793 to 1812. Entry books of the authorities in the Channel Islands charged with the relief of the French *émigrés*, register of the refugees in Jersey, &c.

Miscellaneous letters, papers, memoirs, maps, trade returns, &c.

Miscellanea, Series II (F.O. 96).

1816 to 1911. 199 Bundles and Vols., of which many have now been weeded out. The following are preserved :—

Draft dispatches, minutes, memoranda, &c. including some relating to the Slave Trade.

Miscellanea, Series II (F.O. 96)—(continued).

Entry books of presents given by the British government to the crews of foreign ships for saving the lives of British subjects and other services, 1841 to 1873.

Papers, accounts, &c. relating to various commissions and special missions.

Addresses of condolence or congratulation to British sovereigns.

Naturalists' Mission to Seal Islands in Behring Sea, 1896; photographs.

Petitions, Original Passports, &c., &c.

Seals (F.O. 365).

56 Matrices of the Seals of various Foreign Secretaries of State between the years 1783 and 1865; of the Chief Clerk at the Foreign Office (1842 to 1866); and of various Legations, Consulates and Commissions.

EMBASSY AND CONSULAR ARCHIVES.

The following are the archives of British legations and consulates which have been removed to the Foreign Office and subsequently to the Public Record Office. They are generally classified as (1) original correspondence, (2) entry books of letters, (3) registers of correspondence and (4) miscellanea.

Algiers :

Correspondence, Series I (F.O. 111). 1818 to 1836. 7 Vols.

Correspondence, Series II (F.O. 112). 1822 to 1867. 8 Vols.

MS. Calendar (F.O. 113). 1567 to 1828. 4 Vols. Calendar of documents relating to Algiers.

America, United States of :

Correspondence (F.O. 115). 1791 to 1901. 1,237 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 116). 1791 to 1823. 10 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 117). 1823 to 1878. 15 Vols.

New York, Consulate General :

Correspondence (F.O. 281). 1816 to 1911. 42 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 282). 1842 to 1894. 36 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 283). 1847 to 1911. 14 Vols.

Shipping (F.O. 284). 1858 to 1907. 12 Vols. Transactions in Ships and Registers.

Miscellaneous Papers (F.O. 285). 1834 to 1901. 4 Vols.

Argentine Republic :

Correspondence (F.O. 118). 1824 to 1888. 210 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 119). 1823 to 1858. 13 Vols.

Austria :

Correspondence (F.O. 120). 1808 to 1899. 757 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 121). 1795 to 1799. 4 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 122). 1823 to 1896. 16 Vols.

Ragusa (F.O. 219). 1862 to 1885. 10 Vols. Original correspondence, letter books, registers, &c. of the Consulate.

EMBASSY AND CONSULAR ARCHIVES—(continued).**Belgium :**

Correspondence (F.O. 123). 1831 to 1900. 406 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 124). 1832 to 1834. 5 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 125). 1836 to 1865. 6 Vols.

Miscellanea (F.O. 300). 1856 to 1894. 30 Vols. Quarterly Accounts, printed papers relating to South Eastern and Western Europe, Egypt, Zanzibar, &c., and Sugar and Slave Trade Conferences.

Bolivia :

Correspondence (F.O. 126). 1837 to 1851. 14 Vols.

Register (F.O. 127). 1837 to 1846. 1 Vol.

Brazil :

Correspondence (F.O. 128). 1821 to 1884. 136 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 129). 1808 to 1863. 17 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 130). 1828 to 1877. 11 Vols.

Miscellanea (F.O. 131). 1820 to 1885. 18 Vols., &c. Dispatches, drafts and miscellaneous papers relating to the Slave Trade and other papers, accounts, &c.

Bahia Consulate :

Correspondence (F.O. 268). 1812 to 1905. 50 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 269). 1853 to 1905. 13 Vols.

Register (F.O. 270). 1891 to 1909. 1 Vol.

Shipping (F.O. 271). 1853 to 1915. 33 Vols., &c. Registers of British Ships and Protests, Orders for Surveys, records of Naval Courts, &c.

Miscellanea (F.O. 272). 1875 to 1915. 6 Vols., &c. Accounts, correspondence relating to property of deceased British subjects, returns, certificates, &c.

Chile :

Correspondence (F.O. 132). 1829 to 1846. 27 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 133). 1833 to 1847. 15 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 134). 1833 to 1847. 5 Vols.

Colombia :

Correspondence (F.O. 135). 1823 to 1895. 221 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 136). 1824 to 1882. 26 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 137). 1823 to 1891. 12 Vols.

Miscellanea (F.O. 138). 1824 to 1897. 9 Vols. Papers relating to cases, legation accounts, &c.

Continent (F.O. 139).

1813 to 1822. 49 Vols. Correspondence and papers relating to the Treaties of Paris, Vienna, &c.

Cuba, Havana Legation :

Correspondence (F.O. 277). 1870 to 1900. 99 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 278). 1842 to 1895. 5 Vols.

Letter Book (F.O. 279). 1877 to 1881. 1 Vol.

Miscellanea (F.O. 280). 1875 to 1907. 2 Vols. Shipping Returns and Protests, &c.

EMBASSY AND CONSULAR ARCHIVES—(continued).**Denmark :**

Correspondence (F.O. 211). 1781 to 1899. 235 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 212). 1780 to 1860. 31 Vols.

Register (F.O. 213). 1853 to 1861. 1 Vol.

Ecuador :

Correspondence (F.O. 144). 1825 to 1895. 43 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 145). 1825 to 1863. 9 Vols.

Egypt :

Correspondence (F.O. 141). 1815 to 1880. 97 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 142). 1805 to 1873. 38 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 143). 1839 to 1873. 9 Vols.

France :

Correspondence (F.O. 146). 1814 to 1905. 3,876 Vols.

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Miscellanea (F.O. 148). 1782 to 1900. 38 Vols. Letters and papers relating to special missions, conferences of allied powers, trade, tariffs, &c., rough correspondence registers, &c.

Germanic Confederation :

Correspondence (F.O. 208). 1815 to 1854. 61 Vols.

Letter Books (F.O. 209). 1817 to 1831. 4 Vols.

Registers (F.O. 210). 1817 to 1866. 5 Vols.

Germany :

Bavaria, Correspondence (F.O. 149). 1780 to 1872. 73 Vols.

Bavaria, Letter Books (F.O. 150). 1784 to 1815. 14 Vols.

Bavaria, Registers (F.O. 151). 1824 to 1871. 3 Vols.

Coburg (F.O. 152). 1879 to 1893. 6 Vols. General correspondence, &c., including Saxe Coburg Gotha, Saxe Altenburg, Saxe Meiningen and Waldeck Pyrmont.

Cologne, Correspondence (F.O. 153). 1804 to 1865. 20 Vols.

Cologne, Letter Books (F.O. 154). 1796 to 1866. 11 Vols.

Cologne, Registers (F.O. 155). 1850 to 1866. 3 Vols.

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Frankfurt (F.O. 157). 1828 to 1866. 29 Vols. General correspondence, marriage certificates and miscellaneous.

Hamburg (F.O. 158). 1791 to 1801. 5 Vols. Letter books.

Hanover (F.O. 159). 1820 to 1866. 57 Vols. General correspondence, vouchers for passports, registers, &c.

Hesse Darmstadt and Baden, Correspondence (F.O. 255). 1842 to 1878. 9 Vols.

Hesse Darmstadt and Baden, Register (F.O. 256). 1860 to 1871. 1 Vol.

Prussia, Correspondence (F.O. 244). 1784 to 1870. 249 Vols.

Prussia, Letter Books (F.O. 245). 1788 to 1860. 17 Vols.

Prussia, Registers (General) (F.O. 246). 1823 to 1870. 8 Vols.

EMBASSY AND CONSULAR ARCHIVES—(continued).**Germany—(continued).**

Prussia, Registers (Flying Seal) (F.O. 247). 1843 to 1869. 4 Vols.

Saxony, Correspondence (F.O. 215). 1816 to 1880. 24 Vols.

Saxony, Letter Books (F.O. 216). 1816 to 1862. 5 Vols.

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- (3) Commission to revise the instructions to British naval officers engaged in the suppression of the Slave Trade, 1881 to 1882. Minutes.

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These consist for the most part of the semi-official papers, which have been presented to the Foreign Office, of persons engaged in the diplomatic service and embrace the following classes:—

Aston Papers (F.O. 355).

1827 to 1843. 6 Bundles. Drafts and semi-private papers of Sir Arthur Aston, G.C.B., sometime successively minister at Rio de Janeiro, Paris and Madrid.

Bloomfield Papers (F.O. 356).

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1867 to 1870. 1 Vol. Original private letters from ambassadors and others to Lord Clarendon, foreign secretary, and copies of letters sent by him.

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Simmons Papers (F.O. 358).

1857 to 1896. 6 Bundles. Private letters, reports, &c. of a confidential nature formerly belonging to Lt.-Gen. Sir J. L. A. Simmons, K.C.B., R.E., and relating chiefly to the Russo-Turkish War (1876 to 1880).

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RECORDS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF FORFEITED ESTATES.

By an act passed in the first year of George the First (1 George I, c. 50) entitled 'An act for appointing Commissioners to inquire of the Estates of certain Traitors, and of Popish Recusants, and of Estates given to Superstitious Uses in order to raise money out of them severally for the use of the publick,' all the real estates and hereditaments of persons attainted (or who should be attainted before 24 June, 1718) of any High Treason committed before 1 June, 1716, were declared to be forfeited and vested in the Crown without further office or inquisition found; and the Commissioners were thereby empowered in a summary manner to inquire and inform themselves by and upon the testimony of witnesses upon oath and by the inspection of Deeds, Writings and Records and otherwise, and to make a registry in Books provided for that purpose of the names of persons convicted or attainted of High Treason, as before mentioned, and of all real estates and interests vested in the Crown pursuant to the Act, and by what tenure the same were held, and of all incumbrances to which they were liable.

By another Act made and passed 4 George I, c. 8, and entitled 'An Act for vesting the Forfeited Estates in Great Britain and Ireland in Trustees, to be sold for the use of the publick; and for giving relief to lawful creditors, by determining the claims; and for the effectual bringing into the respective Exchequers the Rents and Profits of the said Estates, till sold' it was enacted that the Commissioners before-mentioned might summon and call before them all creditors or claimants against the estates forfeited as aforesaid and might proceed in a summary way, without the formality of proceedings in Courts of Law and Equity, to examine witnesses, examine deeds and evidences, and adjudge all such claims before the 24th March, 1719.

By the same Act it was further enacted that the Commissioners, or any four or more of them, should be taken to be a Court of Record, and their decrees were to be fairly entered of record in parchment books. The Commissioners held their sittings at Preston and at Essex House and the Temple, London, and adopted in their proceedings a course analogous to that of the Court of Chancery.

The records of the Commission prior to their removal to the Public Record Office in 1856 were preserved in the Tower of London. They are open to public inspection.

Proceedings.

1716 to 1726. 58 Bundles and 114 Vols. The Records of the Commissioners, a detailed and alphabetical Inventory of which is printed in the Deputy Keeper's 5th Report, App. II, pp. 97-130, include the following:—

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Proceedings—(continued).

PAPERS—(continued).

Returns by Clerks of the Peace of the Names and Estates of Popish Recusants in England and Wales (arranged in Counties) (P. 31—125).

Informations respecting Lands given to Superstitious Uses (S. 94—106).

Original Claims of the various persons upon the several Estates forfeited to the Crown (C. 25 and Bdles. 56 and 57).

BOOKS.

Minute Books of the Commissioners, 1716 to 1726, containing minutes and memoranda of proceedings at Preston, Essex House, the Inner Temple and at Westminster. 11 Vols. (Vols. 2—12). There are also a few rough minute books of the Commissioners' proceedings.

Register of Claims against the several Estates, Nos. 1—1718. 18 Vols. (Vols. 13—30). These are entries in full of the original claims above mentioned. They are fully indexed.

Decree Books of the Commissioners, Jan. 1716 to July 1721. 21 Vols. (Vols. 31—51). These are the parchment books prescribed by the Act of 4 Geo. I. *Index*, 1 Vol.

Register of Appeals against the Decrees of the Commissioners. 1 Vol. (Vol. 53). The petitions, which are numbered 1 to 22, are entered in full.

Register of the Estates given to Superstitious Uses describing the contents and value thereof. 3 Vols. (Vols. 68—70). Arranged under counties.

Entry Book of Informations respecting lands given to Superstitious Uses. 1 Vol. (Vol. 71).

Books containing Rent Rolls of the various Forfeited Estates. 2 Vols., each with an Index of Estates. (Vols. 82, 83).

Register of Claims for losses at Preston, Nos. 1—226. 1 Vol. (Vol. 101). Entries of the claims in full. *Index*. 2 Vols.

RECORDS OF THE HOME OFFICE.

The early records of the Secretary of State's Office relating to the internal affairs of Great Britain and Ireland have been already described in the account of the State Paper Office. With few exceptions the documents now classed amongst the records of the Home Office date from the year 1782, when the Southern Department of the Secretary's Office became the Home Department with its own Principal Secretary.

Printed lists of the Home Office records preserved at the Public Record Office down to the year 1837, the period for which they are open to public inspection, have been issued in the series of Lists and Indexes, No. XLIII (1914). For the inspection of the records of the Office of a later date than 1837 the special permission of the Home Secretary is necessary.

The records of the Home Office now preserved at the Public Record Office are classified as follows:—

ALIENS.

Denizations and Naturalizations (H.O. 1).

1789 to 1871. 176 Bundles. General correspondence, denization and naturalization papers (petitions, memorials, &c.). Printed lists of the certificates granted between 1844 and 1900 under the Naturalization Acts of 1844 and 1870 have been issued by the Home Office (1908).*

Certificates of Aliens (H.O. 2).

1836 to 1852. 236 Vols. Original certificates of the arrival of each alien in the realm, arranged under the ports of arrival and giving his country, profession, and date of arrival with his signature and other occasional particulars.

Index. 1826 to 1849. (H.O. 5. 25—32.)

Lists of Immigrants (H.O. 3).

1836 to 1867. 102 Vols. Original returns by Masters of Ships, pursuant to Stat. 6 Will. IV, c. 11, s. 2, of alien passengers landed in the realm, setting forth the professions and countries of each.

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1794 to 1871. 42 Vols. Entry Books of Out-letters relating to aliens and naturalizations (1794—1871), accounts of the Alien Office (1794—1848), register of applications for denization, &c. (1810—1818), indexes to the certificates of arrivals (1826—1849), &c.

CRIMINAL.

Circuit Letters (H.O. 6).

1816 to 1840. 25 Bundles. Returns by Judges and Recordors of attainted persons recommended for mercy, lists of convicts, letters from Governors of convict prisons, &c.

* The certificates from Aug. 1844 to Aug. 1873 are enrolled on the Close Rolls of the Chancery, *See* Vol. I, p. 23.

CRIMINAL—(continued).**Convicts, Miscellaneous (H.O. 7).**

1785 to 1837. 3 Vols. &c. Correspondence, &c., minutes of House of Commons Committee respecting transportation to West Africa and a register of convicts on the ship *Antelope* at Bermuda.

Convict Prisons (H.O. 8).

1824 to 1876. 207 Vols. Sworn lists of convicts on board the hulks and in the prisons with particulars as to their ages, convictions and sentences, health, behaviour, &c.

Convict Prisons, Miscellaneous Registers (H.O. 9).

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1788 to 1859. 64 Vols. Lists of the male and female convicts in the colonies giving particulars as to their sentences, employment, settlement in the country, the land and cattle acquired by them and other information, lists of pardons granted, &c.

Convict Transportation Registers (H.O. 11).

1787 to 1870. 21 Vols. Lists under the respective ships of the convicts transported in them with the dates of their convictions.

Criminal Papers, Old Series (H.O. 12).

1849 to 1871. Nos. 1—96, 100 (in wallets). These are such original letters, memorials and other papers relating to criminal matters entered in the Registers (H.O. 14), as have been preserved.

Criminal Papers, Entry Books of, (H.O. 13).

1782 to 1871. 111 Vols. Entry books of out-letters and, to the end of the year 1849, of Warrants and Pardons.

Criminal Papers, Registers of, (H.O. 14).

1849 to 1870. 37 Vols. These are brief entries of each letter received and its subject with indexes of persons and subjects and references to the papers in H.O. 12 above. From 1855 the register includes the letters and warrants issued from the Home Office.

Criminal Papers, Warrant Books (H.O. 15).

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Series I (H.O. 26). 1791 to 1849. 56 Vols.

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Petitions :

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Prisons :**Correspondence and Papers (H.O. 20).**

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1812 to 1884. 15 Vols. Out-letters and instructions to Governors and Inspectors of the prisons of Millbank, Parkhurst, Pentonville, Portland, &c.

Entry Books, Series II (H.O. 22).

1849 to 1871. 17 Vols. Similar out-letters, &c. to Prison Inspectors and the officials of County prisons.

Registers of County Prisons (H.O. 23).

1847 to 1866. 20 Vols. Registers of prisoners in various county prisons with detailed particulars concerning them, each volume indexed.

Prison Registers and Returns (H.O. 24).

1838 to 1875. 29 Vols. This class includes similar registers of Millbank, Parkhurst and Pentonville prisons, together with a series of prison returns for England and Wales from 1860 to 1869 giving statistical information as to the age, sex, nature of the offence and disposal of the several prisoners and the establishment and other charges of the various prisons.

Public Departments Letter Book (H.O. 25).

1850 to 1871. 13 Vols. Entries of out-letters to various departments of state, &c., relative to criminal matters, transport of convicts, &c.

[For other Home Office records relating to Criminal matters and Prisons see under **VARIOUS** below.]

DEPARTMENTAL.**Admiralty :****Correspondence (H.O. 28).**

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1782 to 1840. 18 Bundles. Orders in Council, proceedings and correspondence.

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Treasury Entry Books (H.O. 36).

1776 to 1871. 37 Vols. Out-letters.

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1794 to 1840. 5 Bundles, &c. Original in-letters from the Secretary for War and the Colonies and an entry book (1815—1836) of out-letters.

Various Departments (H.O. 39).

1800 to 1850. 12 Vols. Original letters, papers, &c. from the Board of Trade, Lord Chamberlain, Mint, Record and State Paper Offices, Registrar General, Signet Office, Office of Woods, Office of Works and other departments.

Warrants :**Miscellaneous (H.O. 37).**

1777 to 1863. 2 Bundles. Sign manual warrants relating to the Order of the Bath, foreign orders and service, precedence and titles, the Secretaries of State, &c.

Royal Marriages (H.O. 124).

1791 to 1913. 36 Documents. Original letters patent and sign manual warrants signifying the sovereign's assent.*

Royal, (Various) (H.O. 125).

1860 to 1911. 13 Documents. Original letters patent and sign manual warrants relating to the styles and titles of members of the Royal Family, authority to the Prince of Wales to confer knighthood on various occasions, and other matters.

* See also Vol. I. p. 70.

DEPARTMENTAL—(continued).**Warrant Books :****General Series (H.O. 38).**

1782 to 1865. 60 Vols. Entries of the warrants, of which there is a classified index in each volume.

Church Books (H.O. 115).

1828 to 1846. 2 Vols. Entries of royal warrants of ecclesiastical appointments, presentations to livings, *congés d'élire*, appointments of almsmen and poor knights of Windsor, dispensations, degrees, &c. and of correspondence relative to the same. Each volume indexed.

Creations and Writs of Summons (H.O. 116).

1783 to 1859. 3 Vols. Each volume indexed.

Inventions (H.O. 89).

1783 to 1834. 13 Vols. Entries of sign manual warrants to the Attorney or Solicitor General for patents of invention.

Letter or 'Domestic' Books (H.O. 117).

1806 to 1871. 10 Vols. Entry books of out-letters, &c. to the Treasury, Lord Chancellor, Law Officers, College of Arms and other officers and departments. Each volume indexed.

Miscellaneous Books (H.O. 118).

1768 to 1881. 4 Vols. comprising :—

SPECIAL COMMISSIONS, 1768—1803. (Vol. 1.)

LORDS JUSTICES, 1821. (Vol. 2).

LISTS OF INSTRUMENTS SENT FOR ROYAL SIGNATURE, 1822—1830. (Vol. 3).

ALMSMEN'S WARRANT BOOK, 1750—1881. (Vol. 4.)

DISTURBANCES.**Disturbances : Correspondence, &c. (H.O. 40).**

1812 to 1855. 59 Bundles. Original correspondence, military and other reports, précis of information and other papers relating to riots and disturbances.

Disturbances : Entry Books (H.O. 41).

1816 to 1871. 30 Vols. Entries of out-letters, warrants, &c. There is an index (1 Vol.) to the books from 1816 to February 1820 and each of the books from April 1822 onwards contains an index.

DOMESTIC.**George III, Correspondence (H.O. 42).**

1782 to 1820. 218 Vols. and Bundles. Original letters and papers continuing the series in the **STATE PAPER OFFICE**.

George IV and later, Correspondence (H.O. 44).

1820 to 1861. 55 Bundles. Original letters, &c. including those relating to the Cato Street Conspiracy (1820) and reports of the Metropolitan Lunacy Commissioners (1830).

DOMESTIC—(continued).**Entry Books (H.O. 43).**

1782 to 1871. 119 Vols. Entries of the 'domestic' out-letters. From 1792 onwards each volume is generally indexed.

Registered Papers ('Old Series'), (H.O. 45).

1841 to 1871. 9,279 Documents (in wallets). These are the letters and papers, entered in the following Registers, which have been preserved and do not belong to any of the special classes. The 'O.S.' numbers have usually been posted up in the Registers, from which reference to them may be made.

Subject Index. 1856 to 1871. 1 Vol. (typed).

Daily Registers (H.O. 46).

1841 to 1871. 47 Vols. The regular series of Registers of the correspondence received each day at the Home Office commence in 1849, when they were divided into **CRIMINAL** (see above **H.O.14**) and **DOMESTIC**. The latter series includes indexes of names and special subjects and lists of the papers preserved and destroyed.

LEGAL.**Judges' Reports (H.O. 47).**

1784 to 1829. 75 Vols. Original letters and reports from Judges on cases and criminals, with petitions for commutation of sentence, free pardon, &c.

Law Officers, Reports and Correspondence (H.O. 48).

1782 to 1871. 54 Vols. and Cases. Reports, &c. upon cases, petitions, and various points of law, interpretations of Acts of Parliament, &c. From 1861 to 1871 the Opinions are numbered consecutively L.O.O. 1—207 and have been taken out of the Registered Papers (**H.O. 45**), from which they are cross-referenced.

Law Officers, Miscellaneous Reports (H.O. 119).

1792 to 1870. 18 Vols., &c. Original 'private and secret' reports, reports on civil and criminal cases, theatre disputes (1816—1818), &c.

Law Officers, Letter Books (H.O. 49).

1762 to 1871. 11 Vols. Entry books of letters to the Law Officers, including one volume (Vol. 4) of entries of letters from them to the Home Office.

MILITARY.**Military : Correspondence, &c. (H.O. 50).**

1782 to 1840. 462 Vols. and Bundles. Original correspondence from the Commander-in-Chief, the Secretary-at-War and other military departments relative to internal defence, with lists of commissions, &c. in the militia and volunteers.

Military : Entry Books (H.O. 51).

1758 to 1855. 194 Vols. Entries of commissions, appointments, warrants, out-letters, &c. relative to the militia, volunteers, yeomanry and ordnance; fee books, &c.

MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL.**Counties : Correspondence (H.O. 52).**

1820 to 1850. 47 Bundles. Original in-letters, &c. from magistrates, officers and other county authorities, from municipal corporations, &c. Arranged under counties. The main series ceases in 1840 but there are a few papers between 1840 and 1850.

Election Petitions (H.O. 53).

1872 to 1885. 56 Vols. Entry books of the shorthand writers' notes of the proceedings and of the judgments.

PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES.**Civil Petitions and Addresses (H.O. 54).**

1783 to 1854. 51 Bundles. Civil petitions and addresses from 1820 to 1854 arranged alphabetically under the names of the petitioners ; together with petitions, reports from the College of Arms, &c., as to changes of name by royal licence and peerage claims, 1783 to 1837.

Addresses (Miscellaneous), (H.O. 55).

1769 to 1819. 34 Bundles. Original addresses to the sovereign for redress of grievances, on the American Rebellion, the King's recovery and other public occasions.

Petitions, Entry Books (H.O. 56).

1784 to 1871. 25 Vols. Entries of petitions for titles and peerages, almsmen's places, writs of error, &c. and of the reports and out-letters relative thereto (1784—1856) and entry books of out-letters relative to petitions generally (1811—1871). The class includes indexes (4 Vols.) to the letter books from 1811 to 1831 and the books for other years are for the most part indexed.

Addresses, Entry Books (H.O. 57).

1829 to 1871. 9 Vols. These deal with addresses of various kinds, such as applications for patronage, for permission to dedicate books or make presentations to the sovereign and contain notes of such addresses together with entries of the out-letters relative thereto. From 1831 to 1871 there is an alphabetical index in each volume.

POLICE.**Police Accounts (H.O. 58).**

1813 to 1826. 4 Vols. Salaries and incidental charges, fees and fines received in Metropolitan police offices.

Police Courts and Magistrates (H.O. 59).

1820 to 1859. 12 Bundles. Original in-letters (1820—1845) and monthly returns for December, 1859, of the offences tried in the Metropolitan police courts.

Police Courts, Entry Books (H.O. 60).

1821 to 1865. 7 Vols. Out-letters to magistrates and others respecting the business of the police courts. See also **H.O. 65.**

POLICE—(continued).**Police Entry Books (H.O. 65).**

1795 to 1871. 27 Vols. Entries of out-letters relating to Metropolitan, County, Borough and Scotch Police, including a letter book of the Birmingham Police Office (1839—1842) and a register of the Metropolitan Police Force (1829—1836).

Metropolitan Police : Correspondence (H.O. 61).

1820 to 1840. 28 Bundles. Original correspondence from Commissioners of Police and others relating to the administration of the force and to appointments therein.

Metropolitan Police : Daily Reports (H.O. 62).

1828 to 1839. 22 Vols. The printed daily reports of the proceedings at the several police courts.

Police Returns (H.O. 63).

1858 to 1869. 24 Vols. Yearly returns of the Constabulary and Police in the several counties, boroughs and districts of England and Wales, showing the respective establishments, the number and nature of the offences tried at the various courts and other statistical information.

Rewards and Pardons, and Secret Service (H.O. 64).

1820 to 1840. 19 Bundles. Original correspondence relative to the offer of rewards for information leading to the conviction of criminals, to pardons and the like. Secret service and other police reports, copies of seditious publications, &c.

Police Department, Register of Correspondence (H.O. 66).

1856 to 1865. 2 Vols. Register of letters received at the Home Office.

VARIOUS.**Acreage Returns (H.O. 67).**

1801. 26 Bundles. Returns for the several parishes in England and Wales showing the number of acres in each devoted to the different crops, arranged in alphabetical order of parishes under their respective dioceses.

Appointments, Original Patents of, (H.O. 68).

1792 to 1827. 4 Cases. Appointments of Secretaries of State, Keeper of the Rolls in Middlesex and Lords Justices.

Bouillon Papers (H.O. 69).

1789 to 1809. 39 Bundles. Original letters to Prince de Bouillon as *administrateur des secours accordés aux émigrés* by the British Government, with memorials, reports, muster rolls, accounts and other papers.

By-Laws (Municipal), (H.O. 70).

1836 to 1840. 6 Bundles. Drafts, &c. of proposed by-laws.

Caroline, Princess of Wales (H.O. 126).

1806 to 1820. 3 Bundles. Confidential papers (letters, reports, copies and translations of evidence, &c.) relative to the Princess. Not open to inspection without special order.

VARIOUS—(continued).**Census Papers :**

Clergymen's Returns (H.O. 71). 1831. 130 Bundles. These show the numbers of baptisms, burials and marriages in each parish for each year between 1821 and 1830 in England and Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, with other statistical information and the number of illegitimate children born in 1830. Arranged in counties.

Ecclesiastical Returns (H.O. 129). 1851. 29 Bundles. Returns of churches and chapels, endowments, sittings, estimated attendances on 30 March, 1851, and average numbers during the preceding twelve months.

Population Returns (H.O. 107). 1841 and 1851. 2,535 Bundles. These are the enumerators' schedules of the returns made by heads of households. They are open to public inspection upon payment of the prescribed fees.

Charters (H.O. 72).

1816 to 1838. 3 Bundles. Drafts of charters of incorporation and the like with correspondence and memorials relative thereto and some original sign manual warrants and Orders in Council.

Commissions (H.O. 73).

1786 to 1894. 68 Bundles and Vols. This class consists of the papers, books, &c. of the following expired commissions of inquiry :—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, 1856—1861.

CATTLE PLAGUE, 1865—1866.

CONSTABULARY FORCE, 1836—1838.

COUNTY RATES, 1836.

DEBTS OF GEORGE, PRINCE OF WALES, 1786—1807.

ECCLESIASTICAL, 1837—1838.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, 1870—1874.

GAOLS, 1835—1837.

IRISH EDUCATION, 1834.

LABOUR, 1891—1894.

NAVAL AND MILITARY SERVICES, CIVIL DEPARTMENTS, 1888—1890.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, 1854—1858.

PARIS EXHIBITION, 1867—1878.

POOR LAW, 1835—1840.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 1861—1864.

RIVER TYNE, 1855.

TYNEMOUTH DOCKS, &c., 1853.

VARIOUS, 1835—1873.

Coroners and Criminal Law (H.O. 84).

1823 to 1840. 2 Bundles. These contain original correspondence upon matters affecting the office of Coroner (1823—1840), and correspondence relative to the revision of the Statutes and Criminal Law Amendment with reports and statistics from foreign countries (1825—1837.)

'Hue and Cry' and 'Police Gazette' (H.O. 75).

1828 to 1845. 18 Vols. Bound volumes of this printed journal.

VARIOUS—(continued).**Local Government Act Commission (H.O. 128).**

1889. 20 Boxes. Papers of the Commission arranged under counties.

Naval Officers' Returns (H.O. 76).

1791 to 1797. 2 Bundles. Returns from Colonial ports giving the names of vessels clearing inwards and outwards with the masters' names, build and tonnage, guns and men, owners' names, cargo, where and when built and registered, whither bound, &c. They are similar to the documents known as 'Shipping Returns' amongst the records of the Colonial Office.

Newgate Calendar (H.O. 77).

1803 to 1853. 50 Vols. Printed lists of the prisoners to be tried at Newgate, with MS. additions, stating from July 1822 onwards the results of the trials.

Pardons (H.O. 78).

1820 to 1822. 1 Bundle. Three letters patent with great seals attached.

Prisons Commission :

The following records of the Prison Commissioners under Stat. 40 & 41 Vict. c. 21, whose business is carried on at the Home Office have been transferred to the Public Record Office :

Calendars of Prisoners (H.O. 108).

1870 to 1899. 139 Vols. Printed lists of the prisoners tried at Assizes and Quarter Sessions showing the charges, verdicts, sentences, &c. Bound up in alphabetical order of Counties.

Sessions Papers, Old Bailey (H.O. 109).

1816 to 1905. 81 Vols. The printed proceedings of the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, for London and Middlesex, and from November 1834 of the Central Criminal Court, at the Old Bailey.

Prisons Books (H.O. 110).

1816 to 1894. 165 Vols. Registers of prisoners, photograph albums, minute, visitors' and other books of the following prisons, viz.—Chatham, Dorchester, Gibraltar, Millbank, Parkhurst, Pentonville, Portland, Portsmouth, Shorncliffe, Westminster Penitentiary, Woking, Wormwood Scrubbs and some ship prisons.

Licences, Male (H.O. 111).

1853 to 1887. 979 Files and Bundles.

Licences, Female (H.O. 127).

1853 to 1887. 38 Bundles.

Orders of licences to convicts under Stat. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 99, s. 9, and 27 & 28 Vict. c. 47, s. 4, with their penal records and conduct and occupations in prison. They are referred to by means of the Registers below,

VARIOUS—(continued).**Prisons Commission**—(continued).**Old Captions and Transfer Papers (H.O. 112).**

1853 to 1871. 39 Files, &c. Orders of Court for the imprisonment of convicts and transfer papers for removal of a convict to a government prison, each containing the penal record and other particulars of the prisoners.

Registers and Indexes (H.O. 113).

1853 to 1885. 20 Vols. These refer to the preceding classes and consist of:—

REGISTERS OF LICENCES (MALE), 1853—1881.

REGISTERS OF LICENCES (FEMALE), 1853—1885.

INDEX OF OLD CAPTIONS, &c., 1853—1863.

Titles, Claims, &c. (H.O. 80).

1820 to 1875. 6 Bundles. Original petitions, reports, correspondence, &c. relative to claims to peerages, baronetcies, &c.

Vivisection Commission (H.O. 114).

1906 to 1912. 7 Bundles, &c. Correspondence, précis of evidence, memoranda, minute and letter books, &c.

Entry Books (Miscellaneous).

These relate to the following special subjects and except where otherwise described contain entries or copies of the letters sent from the Home Office ; many of the volumes are indexed.

Accounts (H.O. 81).

1868 to 1871. 2 Vols. Correspondence relative to the accounts of Inspectors of factories, coal mines, salmon fisheries, constabulary, prisons and others, which prior to 1 April, 1868, were rendered to the Controller and Auditor General.

Accounts and Estimates (H.O. 82).

1752 to 1873. 19 Vols. Accounts of the Home Office establishment and general and contingent expenses, with entry books of correspondence relative thereto, estimates, &c.

Anatomy (H.O. 83).

1832 to 1876. 3 Vols. Correspondence relative to the administration of the Anatomy Act (2 & 3 Will. IV, c. 75) and an alphabetical register of licences.

Burials (H.O. 85).

1854 to 1871. 26 Vols. Correspondence relative to the execution of Stat. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 134 and later Burial Acts.

Commissions (H.O. 74).

1836 to 1871. 4 Vols. Letters to various commissions of inquiry.

County Courts (H.O. 86).

1845 to 1869. 3 Vols. Correspondence relative to the execution of the Small Debts Acts (Stat. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 127) and other County Courts Acts.

VARIOUS—(continued).**Entry Books (Miscellaneous)**—(continued).**Factories (H.O. 87).**

1836 to 1871. 5 Vols. Correspondence relative to the administration of the Factories, Mines and Collieries and Highways Acts.

Fees (H.O. 88).

1782 to 1880. 22 Vols. Entries of fees paid for royal grants and licences, military commissions, &c., and account books.

Horse Guards and Park Gates (H.O. 120).

1809 to 1913. 6 Vols. Correspondence relative to authority given to persons to ride through the Park Gates, &c, and a register.

Justices (Borough), (H.O. 90).

1841. 1 Vol. Entries in alphabetical order of the boroughs giving the names, occupations, dates of appointment, &c. of the justices.

Licences to import and export (H.O. 91).

1805 to 1808. 2 Vols. Entries of licences under sign manual warrant.

Local Taxation (H.O. 92).

1860 to 1871. 1 Vol. Correspondence relative to the administration of Stat. 23 & 24 Vict. c. 51.

Lords Justices (H.O. 93).

1821. 2 Vols, &c. Original in-letters to the Lords Justices, letter and minute books.

Magistrates (H.O. 94).

Geo. IV. 1 Vol. Incomplete entry book of the names of county magistrates, lists of county boroughs, liberties, &c.

Mines (H.O. 95).

1855 to 1871. 5 Vols. Letters to inspectors of coal mines and others; for earlier correspondence *see* H.O. 87.

Precedents (H.O. 96).

Vict. 1 Vol. Incomplete entry book; contains a few specimens of army commissions only.

Private and Secret (H.O. 79).

1798 to 1864. 10 Vols. Letters relative to secret service, postal censorship, alleged criminal acts and other matters of a confidential nature. Four of the volumes relate to Ireland (1803—1864).

Returns to Parliament (H.O. 121).

1817 to 1865. 3 Vols. Two entry books of out-letters relating to returns to be made to either House of Parliament (1817—1837) and a register of returns to be made with the dates of their presentation, &c. (1841—1865). *See* also the following class.

Secretary's Office (H.O. 97).

1789 to 1875. 18 Vols. Registers of correspondence circulated amongst various departments, of returns made by the Home Office to the House of Commons, Library letter book, various precedent and memoranda books (including one of the Signet Office), &c.

CHANNEL ISLANDS, SCOTLAND, IRELAND, &c.**Channel Islands, &c.****Correspondence (H.O. 98).**

1782 to 1841. 83 Vols. and Bundles. Original correspondence, papers, &c. relating to the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Scilly Islands.

Entry Books (H.O. 99).

1760 to 1871. 23 Vols. General letter books, précis of correspondence, reports of Commissioners, &c. relating to the above Islands. Mostly indexed.

Scotland :**Correspondence (H.O. 102).**

1782 to 1842. 65 Vols. and Bundles. Original letters and papers, petitions and circuit letters in criminal matters, &c.

Domestic Entry Books (H.O. 103).

1763 to 1871. 16 Vols. Entries of general out-letters, mostly indexed.

Criminal Entry Books (H.O. 104).

1762 to 1849. 12 Vols. Entries of out-letters, mostly indexed.

Inventions Entry Books (H.O. 105).

1840 to 1855. 3 Vols. Entries of warrants for patents ; for earlier warrants *see* the class following.

Warrant Books (H.O. 106).

1774 to 1847. 11 Vols. Entry Books of warrants, each volume indexed.

Ireland :**Correspondence (H.O. 100).**

1782 to 1840. 263 Vols. and Bundles. Original correspondence, papers, &c. relating to civil and military affairs.

King's Letter Books (H.O. 101).

1776 to 1858. 11 Vols. Entries of royal appointments and instructions, warrants for patents for creations, presentations, inventions, &c. These will be found also in the **Irish Letter Books** of the **SIGNET OFFICE** (p. 134), which begin at an earlier date and contain, down to the year 1832 or thereabouts, many warrants of a financial nature which are not in the Home Office series. The latter, however, contains the King's replies to Addresses of the Irish Parliament which are not in the Signet Office books. Each volume indexed.

General Letter Books (H.O. 122).

1782 to 1871. 24 Vols. Entries of out-letters relating to civil and military affairs. Each volume indexed.

Miscellaneous Entry Books (H.O. 123).

1768 to 1877. 32 Vols. Entries of military commissions, précis and registers of letters received and sent, register of orders for Parliamentary returns, entries of fees received for patents and commissions, &c.

RECORDS OF THE INDIA OFFICE.

The Records of the India Office are with the following exception preserved at that Department.

Commissions.

1790 to 1853. 44 Documents. These are the original letters patent appointing the Commissioners for the Affairs of India. The documents were placed in the hands of the Master of the Rolls by the authority of the Secretary of State for India on 12 October, 1868. They are duly enrolled on the Patent Rolls.

RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF INLAND REVENUE.

By Stat. 12 & 13 Vict. c. 1 (1849) the Board of Excise and the Board of Stamps and Taxes were consolidated into one Board of Commissioners of Inland Revenue. The following records only of the Commissioners have been transferred to the Public Record Office. With the exception of the Apprenticeship Books they are not open to public inspection.

Apprenticeship Books (Inl. 1).

1710 to 1810. 79 Vols. These are registers of the moneys received under Stat. 8 Anne, c. 5, whereby a duty, to be paid by the masters, was imposed upon apprentices of 6d. in every £1 received when the total sum taken from such apprentices was less than £50, and of 1s. in every £1 when the total exceeded £50. In addition to the sums received the registers record the names, addresses and trades of the masters, the names of the apprentices with the dates of the articles. Until the year 1752 the names of the apprentices' parents are given but after that year very rarely.

The duties were managed by the Commissioners of Stamp Duties and were made perpetual by Stat. 9 Anne, c. 15, s. 10. They were repealed by Stat. 44 Geo. III, c. 98, which enforced a new scale for such duties on Indentures of Apprenticeship.

The volumes are arranged as follows:—

CITY OR TOWN REGISTERS. Oct. 1711 to Oct. 1810. 40 Vols.
Daily entries of the indentures upon which the duty was paid in London.

Indexes of Masters' Names. 1759—1783, 1793, 1799—1802.
6 Vols.

COUNTRY REGISTERS. May 1710 to Sept. 1808. 32 Vols. Entries made in London of the indentures upon which the duty had been paid to district collectors and which were afterwards sent up by them in batches to be stamped. Each volume has usually an index of the Collectors.

LEDGER OF DUTIES PAID ON INDENTURES. 1799 to 1802. 1 Vol.

Parochial Ledgers (Inl. 2).

1864 to 1905. 315 Vols. Arranged under counties showing the totals of Income Tax, House Duty and Land Tax paid in each parish.

Drainage Advances (Inl. 3).

1847 to 1905. 55 Vols. Registers of amounts advanced, of rent charges receivable, ledgers and journals, certificates of advances and apportionment, &c.

Lottery Books (Inl. 4).

1780 to 1824. 211 Vols. General and Posting Registers, journals, registers of agents, &c. The journals give the names of the bankers and others to whom the lottery tickets were issued.

Estate Duty Office.

The following records formerly belonged to the Legacy Duty Department of the Stamp Office. Reference to them is made from registers which have not been transferred to the Public Record Office.

Estate Duty Office—(continued).

Copies of Wills (Inl. 5).

1812 to 1852. 7,678 Parcels. Arranged alphabetically in years.

Letters (Inl. 6).

1812 to 1836. 652 Parcels. These consist of original in-letters and copies of out-letters.

Scotch Papers (Inl. 7).

1839 to 1841. 1 small parcel. Original correspondence, memoranda, &c.

RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF LAND REVENUE RECORDS AND ENROLMENTS.

This Office, as already explained in the present work,* was established in 1832 by Stat. 2 Will. IV, c. 1, when the enrolling and archive duties of the former Auditors of Land Revenue were transferred to a new officer to be called the Keeper of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments.

From that year until 1903 the records of the Office were separately housed but consequent on the appointment in December, 1902, of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records to be the Keeper of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments, with a view to the practical amalgamation of that Office with the Public Record Office, they were removed in April 1903 to the latter Office, where the enrolment business has since been carried on.

The inspection of the records of the Office is subject to fees and to the permission of the Commissioners of H.M. Woods, Forests and Land Revenues. The following classes are permanently preserved.

Accounts : Commissioners of H.M. Woods, &c. (L.R.R.O. 2).

1832 to 1893. 24 Vols. and Bundles. General Accounts (1832 to 1851), Declared Accounts (1832 to 1842) and Audited Abstracts (1842 to 1893).

Accounts ; Various (L.R.R.O. 3).

1660 to 1903. 97 Bundles, &c. These include the following :—
Accounts of arrears, 1660 to 1831.
Fee Books, 1865 to 1897.
Accounts of Forests : Dean Forest, 1669 to 1686 ; New Forest, 1832 to 1873 ; Waltham, 1841 to 1850, &c.
Holyhead Harbour, 1833 to 1850.
London : Bailiwick of St. James, 1725 to 1813 ; New [Regent] Street, 1814 to 1841 ; Parks, 1806 to 1851 ; Houses of Parliament, 1848 to 1849.
Isle of Man, 1827 to 1840.
Parks, Gardens, &c., 1832 to 1851.
Yorkshire Mines, 1697 to 1831.
North Wales, 1760 to 1832.
South Wales, 1762 to 1829.
Stewards' Accounts and subsidiary documents arranged under places, 1832 to 1903 ;
and others.

Commissions (L.R.R.O. 10).

38 Geo. III to 10 Vict. 25 Documents in 5 Parcels. Original letters patent appointing the Commissioners of Woods, &c., Surveyors General of Lands, Forests, &c., Surveyors of Woods, Keepers of Walks in various forests, &c.

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Court Rolls (L.R.R.O. 4).

1441 to 1918. 113 Bundles, &c. Court Rolls and Estreats of Court Rolls of manors under the management of the Office of Woods in England and Wales.

Deeds and Evidences (L.R.R.O. 5).

Eliz. to 1917. 53 Bundles, &c. This class includes perambulations, returns of encroachment, registers of claims, rights, &c. in Dean Forest and the New Forest, deeds, awards, &c. relative to various manors, lands and forests, plans and deeds as to the fortifications of Portsmouth, Chatham and Harwich, treatises on forest law, abstracts of leases, miscellaneous correspondence, papers, &c.

Enrolments.

The enrolments of the Land Revenue Record Office are made partly by entry or copy in books and, since 1852, under authority of section 7 of Stat. 15 and 16 Vict. c. 62, mostly by the deposit of duplicates of the deeds. They are now arranged in the following classes :—

Enrolments by Books : Office of Woods (L.R.R.O. 13).

1833 to present date. 99 Vols. (1924). Prior to 1 July, 1914, these were classified as follows :—

ASSIGNMENTS, 1833 to 1904. *Index*, 1833 to 1903, 3 Vols. MS. The enrolment of Assignments of deeds made by the Commissioners of H.M. Woods, &c. was abolished by section 5 of the Crown Lands Act, 1906.

LEASES, 1833 to 1913. *Indexes*: 1832 to 1847, 1 Vol. MS.; 1873 to 1896, 1 Vol. MS.

PURCHASES, 1833 to 1910. *Index*, 1832 to 1897, 1 Vol. MS.

SALES OF ESTATES, 1833 to 1892. *Index*, 1832 to 1892, 1 Vol. MS.

ROLLS ESTATE, 1840 to 1874.

PROBATE OF WILLS, &c., 1900 to 1903.

MISCELLANEOUS, 1833 to 1914.

From 1 July, 1914, to the present date there is a single chronological arrangement.

Enrolments by Books : Office of Works (L.R.R.O. 14).

1852 to present date. 5 Vols. (1924). *Index*, 1872 to 1907, 1 Vol. MS. Between 1832 and 1851 the Commissioners of H.M. Woods, &c. were Commissioners also of Works and Buildings: since the latter date by Stat. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 42 the Commissioners of H.M. Works and Public Buildings have been a separate body. By Stat. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 56, s. 6, the enrolment of the deeds of this body in the Office of Land Revenue Records was authorised.

Enrolments by Books : Board of Trade (L.R.R.O. 15).

1873 to present date. 1 Vol. (1924). Under the Crown Lands Act, 1866 (Stat. 29 & 30 Vict. c. 62) the powers of the Office of Woods with respect to the management of Foreshore were transferred to the Board of Trade and leases, assignments, &c. made by this Board in virtue of these powers have been enrolled in the Land Revenue Record Office. For *Index*, &c., see the Board of Trade Enrolments by Deposit below.

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Enrolments by Deposit : Office of Woods (L.R.R.O. 16).

1852 to present date. 289 Boxes (1924). Prior to 1 July, 1914, these are arranged as follows :—

- LEASES, 1852 to June, 1914. *Index*, 1852 to 1907, 3 Vols. MS.
PURCHASES, 1852 to June, 1914. *Index*, 1852 to 1907, 1 Vol. MS.
SALES OF ESTATES, &c., 1852 to June, 1914. *Index*, 1852 to 1907, 2 Vols. MS. *Index locorum*, 1852 to 1906, 1 Vol. MS.
SALES OF ENCROACHMENTS, 1852 to 1913. *Index*, 1852 to 1907, 2 Vols. MS. *Index locorum*, 1852 to 1905, 1 Vol. MS.
SALES OF FEE-FARM RENTS, 1852 to 1914. *Index*, 1852 to 1907 (England), 1 Vol. MS. 1852 to 1907 (Wales), 1 Vol. MS.
SURRENDERS, 1899 to 1914.
SCHEDULES OF RENTS AND ARREARS DISCHARGED, 1873 to 1902.
DEEDS OF ENFRANCHISEMENT, 1859 to June, 1914. *Index*, 1859 to 1907, 1 Vol. MS.
LAND TAX REDEMPTION CERTIFICATES, 1903 to 1914.
PLANS RELATING TO ENROLMENTS. These are mostly plans, referred to in deeds enrolled by entry, which were too large to be entered in the same books as the deeds.
MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1853 to June, 1914. *Index*, 1853 to 1907, 2 Vols. MS.
Since 1 July, 1914, to the present date there is a single chronological arrangement.

Enrolments by Deposit : Board of Trade (L.R.R.O. 17).

1868 to present date. 10 Boxes (1924).

Catalogue, 1872 to 1907, 1 Vol. MS. *Index locorum*, 1868 to 1905, 1 Vol. MS. These include the Board of Trade Enrolments by Books.

NOTE. In addition to the Special Indexes mentioned above the following serve as general means of reference to the enrolments of the Land Revenue Record Office :—

Register of Office Business. 23 Feb., 1833 to 11 April, 1901. 10 Vols.

Register of Deeds Deposited. 1 Nov., 1852 to 10 April, 1901. 8 Vols.

Register of Deeds Enrolled and Deposited. 1896 to present date. 3 Vols. (1924).

Do. *Do.* *Index*. 1898 to 30 June, 1914, 1 Vol. (From 1 July, 1914, there is a card index to the Register).

Letter Books (L.R.R.O. 6).

1803 to 1901. 23 Vols. These consist of :—

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1803 to 1901. 16 Vols. Mostly letters from the Office of Woods respecting rents and the like.

Register of Letters received. 1875 to 1900. 1 Vol. MS.

ENTRY BOOKS OF OUT-LETTERS, namely—

(1) General, 1833 to 1851. 3 Vols.

(2) Office of Woods, 1851 to 1896. 3 Vols.

(3) Office of Works, 1851 to 1896. 1 Vol.

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Letters, Warrants, &c. (L.R.R.O. 36).

1748 to 1903. 4 Bundles. Original correspondence of the Surveyor General, with accounts, Treasury warrants directed to him, &c. and original correspondence relating to the Land Revenue Record Office, its establishment, &c.

Maps and Plans (L.R.R.O. 1).

1771 to 1919. 137 Parcels. Many of these maps and plans relate to enclosure awards, surveys, deeds, &c. to which they are here attached. In addition to plans of forest lands, parks and estates in England, Wales and the Isle of Man under the management of the Office of Woods, they include maps of lands reclaimed under various Harbour Acts and the like, of the Thames Embankment, Norfolk Estuary, &c.

Miscellanea (L.R.R.O. 37).

c. 1700 to 1880. 25 Vols. and Bundles. Included amongst these are the following :—

Account of chalk shipped at Ingress Wharf, co. Kent, 1828, 1829.

Accounts of bricks and other products manufactured under clay licences in the Forest of Dean, 1869 to 1879.

Deeds, evidences, transcripts, &c., 18th and 19th centuries.

Enrolments of sales of estates under £100 and of fee-farm rents, 1834 to 1852.

Enrolments of memorials of enfranchisement, 1859 to 1872.

Entry book of miscellaneous letters and enrolments, 1833 to 1837.

Rentals, printed and manuscript, schedules of arrears of rent, &c., 19th century.

Waltham Forest, map of encroachments in.

Record Agent's report books, 1855 to 1870 (indexed). Copies of the reports.

Pension Books (L.R.R.O. 8).

1678 to 1857. 6 Vols. Lists of pensions payable out of Crown lands and copies of deeds relating thereto, together with a copy of the deed exempting certain fee-farm rents from the sale to the Trustees in 1678 in order to provide for the payment of certain stipends and pensions.

Record Agency Papers (L.R.R.O. 11).

1830 to 1900. 30 Bundles. Copies of records, notes, draft reports, briefs, &c.

Index. 1 Vol. MS.

Rentals (L.R.R.O. 12).

1832 to 1915. 567 Vols. and Bundles. These consist for the most part of the yearly rentals of the Crown lands in England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, the Isle of Man and Alderney.

Reports on Crown Leases (L.R.R.O. 9).

1716 to 1785. 3 Vols. Entry books of the reports.

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Warrant Books (L.R.R.O. 7).

1839 to present date. 22 Vols. This class consists chiefly of entry books of Treasury Warrants to the Commissioners of H.M. Woods, &c., including an *Index* to the same from 1839 to 1875 in 3 Vols. This index is continued to 1903 in two further volumes. These warrants are now included in the current Office Register of Deeds Enrolled and Deposited (*see above* **Enrolments**), but are entered in full in the Warrant Book.

The class also includes an entry book of Royal Sign Manual Warrants to the Office of Works from 1851 to 1895, with an *Index* (1 Vol.) to the same. After 1895 these warrants are recorded in the Office of Works Enrolment Books (*see above*).

RECORDS OF THE MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS.

The Ministry of Munitions was created in 1915 by Stat. 5 & 6 Geo. V, c. 51, 'An Act for establishing, in connexion with the present War, a Ministry of Munitions of War, and for purposes incidental thereto.'

By section 6 of this Statute the office of the Minister of Munitions and the Ministry were to cease to exist twelve months after the conclusion of the War or such earlier period as might be fixed by His Majesty in Council.

By Stat. 11 & 12 Geo. V, c. 8 (Ministries of Munitions and Shipping (Cessation) Act 1921) it was enacted that any Order in Council made under the above section might provide for the transfer to any Government Department of any property, rights and liabilities held, enjoyed and incurred by the said Ministries, provided that any organization established under any such order should cease to exist not later than 31 March, 1924.

Accordingly under an Order in Council of 24 March, 1921, a Commission to be appointed by the Treasury and known as the Disposal and Liquidation Commission was established to perform such of the powers and duties transferred to the Treasury as related to the disposal of surplus Government property and the completion and liquidation of contracts and other liabilities entered into by the Ministry of Munitions. In accordance with the later of the two above Statutes this Commission will cease to exist on 31 March, 1924.

The following classes of records belonging to the Ministry of Munitions have been transferred to the Public Record Office. They are not open to inspection without a special permit from the Treasury.

Munitions Council Daily Reports (Mun. 1).

Aug. 1917 to Aug. 1919. 24 Vols. Bound typed copies of the daily confidential reports circulated for the information of Members of the Munitions Council and Heads of Departments. They contain lists of matters referred to the Members of the Council, précis of important letters received by the secretariat, notes of meetings and business of Council Committees and various Boards and Sub-Committees, summaries of labour returns from national factories and statistics of employment and unemployment.

Requirements and Statistics Branch : Secret Weekly Reports (Mun. 2).

July 1915 to Dec. 1919. 34 Vols. Bound volumes of the printed weekly reports of contracts and orders placed by the Ministry with printed statistical tables showing the weekly deliveries of materials, labour returns, orders in hand, area organization, &c.

Rochdale National Shell Factory Account Books (Mun. 3).

Nov. 1915 to Oct. 1919. 19 Vols. The accounts of the various factories controlled by the Ministry have been scheduled for destruction but the above complete set of books of one of these factories is preserved as a specimen.

RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL DEBT OFFICE.

The Commissioners for the reduction of the National Debt were established by Stat. 26 Geo. III, c. 31. In 1816 (Stat. 56 Geo. III, c. 98) the separate Commissioners who had been appointed for the reduction of the Debt in Ireland were abolished and the British Commissioners became Commissioners for the whole of the United Kingdom.

From 1 August, 1808, the Commissioners were empowered by Stat. 48 Geo. III, c. 142, to grant Life Annuities charged upon the funds created for the reduction of the National Debt. The Commissioners have also been invested under the various Savings Banks Acts with wide powers of control and management of the funds remitted to them by the trustees of such banks or of Friendly Societies.

The following records of the National Debt Office have been transmitted to the Public Record Office. They are not open to inspection without the permission of the Controller General of the former Department.

First Series : Life Annuities, 1745 to 1757. Tontine, 1789.

1745 to 1843. 150 Vols. and Bundles. Original lists or registers of proprietors and nominees in Life Annuities granted in 1745, 1746 and 1757; entry books of Assignments and Wills relating to the same, posting books, &c. from 1746 to 1834; returns of the existence of Government Nominees in the Tontine of 1789 from 1831 to 1843.

Of the three English Tontines of 1693, 1766 and 1789, the first two were little removed from failure, whilst the third was marred by the number of those, who, becoming dissatisfied with the original scheme, elected to exchange their shares for Long Annuities. In order to keep faith with those who held to the original contract the Treasury was empowered to nominate for the shares exchanged other lives who were thus called 'Government Nominees.'

Second Series : Life Annuities 1766 to 1779. Tontine, 1789.

1766 to 1888. 75 Vols. numbered 1 to 59. Lists of proprietors and nominees in Life Annuities issued in 1776, 1778 and 1779, posting books recording payments of the annuities, lists of deaths and defaulters, &c., 1766 to 1835. Printed lists of Government Nominees of the Tontine of 1789, registers of deaths and defaulters, certificates of existence, deeds of assignment, &c. extending to 1888, the last survivor having died on 31 October, 1887.

Third Series : Irish Tontines.

1773 to 1871. 52 Vols. The three Irish Tontines of 1773, 1775 and 1777 were all successfully carried out. The last survivor in them died at Christmas, 1870.

The records consist of registers of subscribers and nominees, payment books, certificates of deaths and marriages and declarations of identity, letter books, memoranda, &c.

Fourth Series : West Indies Slave Compensation :**General.**

1835 to 1842. 32 Vols., &c. These consist for the most part of payment books arranged under the various Colonies showing the sums awarded, the date of the Treasury Warrant, with the actual receipts of the claimants' representatives, &c. The class includes some miscellaneous accounts, certificates of deaths and marriages, correspondence, &c.

Claims.

1835 to 1842. 58 Bundles. These contain calculations of the amount of interest due for the various Colonies.

Awards.

1835 to 1842. 164 Bundles. Certificates for compensation under the hands of the Compensation Commissioners together with powers of attorney by the several claimants, all arranged under the numbers of the claims in the respective Colonies.

The records of the Slave Compensation Commissioners are preserved amongst the records of the **TREASURY** at the Public Record Office (*see below* pp. 154, 155). The duties of the National Debt Commissioners in relation to Slave Compensation were wholly ministerial, no payments being made by them until authorized by the Treasury.

Rules of Closed Savings Banks.

31 Bundles. Rules of Savings banks in the United Kingdom signed by the respective trustees and certified as being in conformity with the Savings Banks Acts by the barrister-at-law appointed for the purpose by the National Debt Commissioners. They are arranged alphabetically under places.

RECORDS OF THE PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE.

In 1835 by Stat. 5 & 6 Will. IV, c. 35, the four separate offices of the Receiver and Paymaster General of the Forces, the Paymaster and Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital, the Treasurer of the Navy and the Treasurer of the Ordnance were abolished and consolidated in a new office called the Office of H.M. Paymaster General.

Previously, in 1808 (Stat. 48 Geo. III, c. 1), Paymasters of Exchequer Bills had been appointed and in 1834 the Act abolishing the Tellers and other ancient offices of the Exchequer of Receipt (Stat. 4 & 5 Will. IV, c. 15) had directed that a Paymaster with an account at the Bank of England should be appointed by the Treasury to pay all salaries, allowances, &c. formerly payable in detail at the Exchequer. This officer became known as the Paymaster of the Civil Services.

By Stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 55 (1848) the offices of the Paymasters of Exchequer Bills and the Paymaster of the Civil Services were consolidated in that of the Paymaster General.

The records of the Paymaster General are open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837 and lists of them down to that year have been published in the series of Lists and Indexes, No. XLVI (1921). In the case of most of the series of Establishment Books the entries are arranged alphabetically in their respective volumes but where this is not so indexes to their contents are usually to be found inserted in the volumes.

ARMY ESTABLISHMENT.

Letters (P.M.G. 1).

1784 to 1867. 115 Vols. This class contains a few original letters but consists for the most part of entry books and registers of in- and out-letters as follows:—

Common Letter Books, 1804 to 1839.

Treasury Letter Books, 1808 to 1839.

War Office Letter Books, 1784 to 1839.

Register of Letters received and sent, 1842 to 1867.

The volumes are generally indexed.

Ledgers (P.M.G. 2).

1757 to 1840. 227 Vols. These are generally indexed.

General Officers' Pay, Rewards, Retired Pay and Allowances (P.M.G. 3).

1813 to 1912. 104 Vols.

Half Pay and Retired Pay (P.M.G. 4).

1737 to 1911. 281 Vols. From 1787 to 1840 these Ledgers are entered up in accordance with the numerical order of the regiments. Earlier volumes and the later ones containing the miscellaneous and auxiliary regiments have indexes of such regiments prefixed. Since 1840 the entries as regards the regular regiments are in alphabetical order of the individual officers.

ARMY ESTABLISHMENT—(continued).

Commissariat Half Pay, &c. (P.M.G. 5).

1834 to 1885. 11 Vols. From 1840 these include widows' pensions and compassionate and superannuation allowances.

Foreign Half Pay and Pensions (P.M.G. 6).

1822 to 1885. 22 Vols. To 1839 the entries are arranged under regiments; from 1840 onwards in alphabetical order.

Hanover Paymaster (P.M.G. 7).

1843 to 1867. 4 Vols.

Chelsea Out-Pensions (P.M.G. 8).

1844 to 1878. 6 Vols.

Pensions for Wounds, &c. and Superannuations (P.M.G. 9).

1814 to 1913. 101 Vols. To 1839 under regiments; from 1840 alphabetical. Allowances to widows and children of civil officers are included in these volumes.

Compassionate List and Royal Bounty (P.M.G. 10).

1812 to 1912. 92 Vols. From 1870 to March 1882 these include the annuities to widows paid under the will of Col. John Drouly, who died on 30 Sept. 1818; for the earlier and later records of these see the following class.

Pensions, Widows (P.M.G. 11).

1810 to 1912. 94 Vols. Between 1812 and 1815 the arrangement is under regiments, subsequently alphabetical. The Drouly annuities from 1827 to 1870 and from April 1882 onwards are entered in these ledgers.

Ordnance Non-Effective Services (P.M.G. 12).

1836 to 1875. 19 Vols. Half pay, military and civil pensions, widows and children, &c.

Militia, Yeomanry and Volunteers Ledgers (P.M.G. 13).

1793 to 1911. 48 Vols. Generally arranged under counties or districts.

Non-Effective Pensions to Warrant Officers (P.M.G. 33).

1909 to 1913. 2 Vols.

Pensions to Schoolmistresses and Nurses (P.M.G. 34).

1909 to 1913. 1 Vol.

Rewards for Distinguished Services, &c. (P.M.G. 35).

1899 to 1911. 3 Vols. These include Victoria Cross pensions, payments to the Tower of London warders, Chelsea Hospital out-pensions, the Sydney Herbert Prize Fund, &c.

Rewards to Warrant Officers (P.M.G. 36).

1909 to 1913. 1 Vol. Rewards for distinguished or meritorious services.

ARMY ESTABLISHMENT—(continued).

Miscellaneous Books (P.M.G. 14).

1721 to 1861. 187 Vols. These consist of the following :—
 DEPUTY PAYMASTERS' ACCOUNTS, &c., 1756 to 1861. Accounts connected with troops on the Continent and America.
 DEPUTY PAYMASTERS' LEDGERS, 1804 to 1824. Regiments, staff, garrisons, &c. on foreign stations. Each volume is indexed.
 ACCOUNTS OF EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES, 1753 to 1836.
 CASH BOOKS, 1749 to 1789. Half pay, &c.
 LETTERS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY, ENTRY BOOKS OF, 1721 to 1841. Indexed.
 DO., REGISTER OF, 1756 to 1830. Some of the volumes are indexed, the remainder are arranged alphabetically.
 REGISTER OF LAW CASES, 1805 to 1819. Indexed.
 OFF RECKONINGS LEDGER, 1759 to 1765. Indexed.
 TREASURY WARRANT BOOK, 1838 to 1842. Indexed.
 CHELSEA HOSPITAL, 1836 to 1846. Ledger of In-Pensions, register of Orders for payments, &c.
 ORDNANCE (IRELAND), 1834 to 1839. Treasurer's letter and account books, &c.

NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT.

Half Pay and Retired Pay (P.M.G. 15).

1836 to 1916. 169 Vols. Naval Officers and Marines. From 1873 onwards there are separate series of volumes in this class for payments in respect of Half Pay, Retired Pay and Marines.

Pensions—Miscellaneous Services, Military (P.M.G. 16).

1836 to 1875. 16 Vols. Military pensions and allowances to commissioned and warrant officers, widows of marine officers, relatives of officers slain, &c. together with allowances, &c. for good and meritorious services and from 1863 pensions for the Victoria Cross.

Pensions—Good Services and Wounds (P.M.G. 17).

1874 to 1912. 11 Vols. Pensions, &c. for good services, conspicuous bravery, wounds, the Victoria Cross, &c. with pensions of Flag Officers, Lieutenants of Naval Hospitals, &c. and compassionate allowances to late officers of the Navy and Marines.

Compassionate List (P.M.G. 18).

1837 to 1913. 35 Vols. Allowances to children of naval officers, &c.

Pensions—Widows (Naval), (P.M.G. 19).

1836 to 1911. 74 Vols.

Pensions—Widows (Marines), (P.M.G. 20).

1870 to 1911. 20 Vols. In addition to pensions to widows of Marine Officers these include allowances, &c. to relatives of Officers slain, drowned, &c. For earlier ledgers see P.M.G. 16 above.

NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT—(continued).

Pensions—Greenwich Hospital Income Account (P.M.G. 21).

1846 to 1911. 25 Vols. These comprise military out-pensions to flag officers and others and civil superannuation allowances, &c. for voted services of chaplains, nurses, masters, &c. of the hospital and school and for officials of the hospital estates; from 1875 onwards the military and civil pensions are in separate volumes.

Pensions—Non-Effective Services (P.M.G. 22).

1837 to 1841. 5 Vols. Ledgers of repayments to the Customs and Excise of sums paid on account of military and civil pensions for naval non-effective services.

Civil Pensions—Coast Guard (P.M.G. 23).

1855 to 1910. 47 Vols.

Civil Pensions—Salaried Officers (P.M.G. 24).

1836 to 1910. 48 Vols. In addition to those of the pensions of salaried officers this class includes the ledgers of pensions of engineers and warrant officers (1874 to 1909).

Pensions—Artificers and Labourers (P.M.G. 25).

1836 to 1910. 77 Vols.

Pensions—Retired Naval Officers, (P.M.G. 37).

1885 to 1909. 5 Vols.

Naval Address Book (P.M.G. 26).

1837. 1 Vol. Indexed.

CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT.

Consolidated Fund (P.M.G. 27).

1834 to 1889. 38 Vols. Ledger books of annuities and pensions paid out of the Consolidated Fund. These include pensions to members of the Royal Family, to certain high officers in the Army or Navy and Ministers of State or their descendants, to the holders of certain abolished offices in the Exchequer or other public services, to the servants of deceased sovereigns and queen consorts, ecclesiastical establishments in the colonies, superannuation or retired allowances of Consuls, salaries and pensions of the Judges and officers of the Courts of Justice, diplomatic pensions, Civil List Pensions, &c.

Superannuation (P.M.G. 28).

1834 to 1887. 33 Vols. Ledgers of superannuation and retired allowances to officers of Public Departments. From 1849 onwards each volume is indexed.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

The four classes following relate to Bills of Exchange drawn on the Treasury on account of public services by persons in the Colonies or at foreign stations and accepted by Treasury order for payment at the Bank of England.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE—(continued).

Bill Ledgers (P.M.G. 29).

1796 to 1856. 34 Vols. These are arranged under the names of the Drawers and give with certain other particulars the date of presentment, the name of the person to whom the bill is payable and the service on account of which it has been drawn, the amount, the rate of exchange and the date when payment is due. Each volume has an index of Drawers' names.

Bill Day Books (P.M.G. 30).

1796 to 1868. 64 Vols. These are arranged under the dates of presentment and give slightly fuller particulars as to the Bills than are to be found in the Ledgers. They are not indexed but reference to the folios in them is given in the Ledgers.

Monthly Lists (P.M.G. 31).

1807 to 1854. 36 Vols. These give the Bills falling due each month. Until the year 1834 they are in two series comprising the lists transmitted from the Treasury to the Pay Office* and the Audit Office respectively but from that year onwards only the Audit Office lists exist. They give under the names of the Drawers the numbers and dates of the Bills, the persons to whom payable and the several amounts. The volumes are indexed under the Drawers' names.

Numerical Check Books (P.M.G. 32).

1808 to 1887. 29 Vols. These show in their numerical order under the names of the Drawers the Bills outstanding against each with a few particulars not always to be found in the other classes. The entries in the later volumes are arranged under the respective services and each volume in the class has an index of Drawers' names.

* This series comprises only those Bills actually paid at the Bank during the month.

RECORDS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE.

The registers of the Privy Council which have been preserved in the Council Office are not of earlier date than the year 1540 when the regular series begins. The unbound papers except for a few single documents date from the end of the seventeenth century only. A volume extending from the year 1421 to the year 1435 known as 'the Book of the Council,' is amongst the Cottonian manuscripts at the British Museum and original minutes and other papers of the Council of earlier date than have been preserved in the Council Office are scattered amongst the documents belonging to the State Paper Office, the British Museum and in various private or semi-public collections.

Seven volumes entitled *Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council* edited by Sir Harris Nicolas and dealing with the years 10 Richard II to 33 Henry VIII were published by the Record Commissioners between 1834 and 1837. Of all these volumes, with the exception of the last, the material was derived entirely from documents in the British Museum including the above mentioned Council Book. Vol. VII contains the greater part of the first Volume of the Register which was then preserved at the Council Office.

In 1904 the first twenty-three volumes of the Register extending from 1540 to 1598 which had then been printed in the new series of *Acts of the Privy Council* were transferred from the Privy Council Office to the Public Record Office. Since then the succeeding volumes to the year 1836, together with the Papers described below, have been similarly transferred.

The records of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in ecclesiastical and maritime causes which were formerly preserved at the Admiralty Registry have been described in Vol. I of the present work. Those of the same Committee in other causes are preserved at the Council Office.

The records of the Privy Council Office which are now in the Public Record Office are open to public inspection without special permit to the end of the year 1837.

Papers, &c. (P.C. 1).

1481 to 1911. 141 Bundles, &c. This class comprises the following :—

UNBOUND PAPERS, 1481 to 1800 (Bundles 1—45). These are of very varied character and include petitions and letters to the Council; reports and memorials from such government departments as the Admiralty, Navy Board, Ordnance Office, Commissioners of Customs, Board of Trade, &c. including various committees of the Council; law officers' opinions; papers in appeal cases; orders and minutes of the Council, proclamations, precedents, &c. Amongst special subjects dealt with may be mentioned—the death and funeral of Queen Anne with a draft of her will; coronations of George I, George II and George III; Irish parliamentary bills; the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man; returns of Roman Catholics taking the oaths; regulation

Papers, &c. (P.C. 1)—(continued).

of trade, quarantine and embargo and neutral property; prisoners and convicts; military and naval stores; corresponding societies, &c.

MS. Catalogue.

COLONIAL PAPERS, 1677 to 1799 (Bundles 46-66). These are of similar nature to the foregoing but concerned exclusively with the Council's administration of the colonies. Bundles 46 to 57 contain the papers calendared in Vol. VI of *Acts of the Privy Council of England, Colonial Series* (London, 1912). Of Bundles 58 to 66 there is a *MS. Catalogue*.

CONVICTS AND PRISONS, 1819 to 1844 (Bundles 67-92). Original correspondence, recommendation lists and other papers relative to convicts, &c.

CENTRAL BOARD OF HEALTH, 1831 to 1834 (Bundles 93-114). Letter books (indexed), minute books, register, original correspondence, reports, statistics, &c.

NAVAL STATION AT JERSEY, 1787 to 1813 (Bundles 115-122). Correspondence of the Prince de Bouillon and papers relating to French *émigrés*.

CALONNE PAPERS, 1787 to 1800 (Bundles 123-133). Papers formerly belonging to Charles Alexandre de Calonne, *Contrôleur général* of France from 1783 to 1787. In addition to reports and papers on commercial subjects, they consist of his draft letters to various foreign statesmen written during his exile, their letters to him and papers and memoirs relative to European affairs.

NAPOLEONIC WARS (Bundles 134 and 135). Letters to French prisoners of war (1796) and lists for payments to Brittany royalists (1812).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES COMMISSION, 1871 (Bundles 136-140). Reports and papers.

DELHI PROCLAMATION, 1911 (Bundle 141).

Registers (P.C. 2).

1540 to 1836. 217 Vols. The Register of the Privy Council contains the minutes of its proceedings, its orders, with reports of its committees and the papers accompanying them which are occasionally entered at length, sometimes in abstract only.*

Prior to 1 May, 1613, there are several gaps in the series, the most considerable being that immediately preceding that date from 1 Jan., 1602. The volumes covering that period are known to have been destroyed by fire in the year 1619 and the same fate may have attended others of the missing volumes, but one of them, extending from 10 May, 1545, to 26 Jan., 1547, is now Additional MS. 5476 in the British Museum.

The Council books and other proceedings during the time of the Commonwealth are amongst the records of the State Paper Office.

* For a general description of the Privy Council Register and its contents, see C. M. Andrews and F. G. Davenport, *Guide to the Manuscript Materials for the History of the United States to 1783, in the British Museum, in Minor London Archives, &c.* (Washington, D.C., 1908), pp. 170-177.

Registers (P.C. 2)—(continued).

In continuation of the Record Commission's volumes mentioned above, the Privy Council registers, including certain material in the British Museum, from 1542 to 1604 have been printed in full under the authority of the Treasury and the Master of the Rolls in *Acts of the Privy Council of England, New Series*, Vols. I-XXXII (London, 1890-1907). The first volume of the continuation of this series covering the period from 1 May, 1613, to 31 Dec., 1614, has recently been published (1921).

A *Calendar* of the entries in the Register relating to the Colonies between the years 1613 and 1783 has been published in *Acts of the Privy Council of England, Colonial Series*, Vols. I-V (Hereford and London, 1908-1912) with a supplementary volume dealing with the unbound papers described above.

The original volumes of the Register have been fully *indexed* throughout, those to the end of the reign of Queen Anne having modern indexes of subjects together frequently with contemporary indexes of names. From the reign of George I onwards the volumes have complete contemporary indexes.

RECORDS OF THE PRIVY PURSE OFFICE.

The following records of the Office of the Keeper of the Privy Purse have been transferred to the Public Record Office. They are not open to public inspection.

Jubilee Addresses.

1887 to 1897. 175 Parcels. Illuminated and other addresses to H.M. Queen Victoria on the occasion of her jubilees in 1887 and 1897.

Vouchers.

1853 to 1869. 38 Bundles. Accounts, receipts, correspondence and other vouchers for the privy purse expenditure of Queen Victoria.

RECORDS OF THE PRIVY SEAL OFFICE.

The use of a small or privy seal by the sovereign can be traced back at least to the reign of John, when letters patent or close are occasionally found issued under such a seal but sometimes the seal is used as in later times as the authority for the issue of letters under the great seal.*

On the development of the Chancery into an independent department of state the Crown gradually lost its direct control over the great seal and appears to have set up the privy seal against it in the exercise of its personal authority. Under Henry III the custody of the small or privy seal became attached to the Wardrobe, the department which came to assume the secretarial functions of the Royal Household, and until the last years of Edward II's reign the keeper of the privy seal is to be identified with the Controller of the Wardrobe. The Lords Ordainers of 1311 aimed at bringing about a separation of these offices and the appointment of a fit clerk to keep the privy seal to be chosen by the King with the advice and consent of the barons. The last three keepers of the privy seal of the reign of Edward II were Chancery and not, as almost invariably up to that time, Wardrobe clerks.

The privy seal became one of the necessary steps in the ordinary method of passing an instrument under the great seal. Some Privy Council ordinances of the reign of Henry VI laid down that 'all bills when the King of his good grace hath granted them be delivered to his secretary and letters to be conceived upon them directed under the signet to the Keeper of the Privy Seal and from thence under the privy seal to the Chancellor of England.†' This was the procedure for the most important purposes in which the great seal was employed which first received parliamentary authority in 1535 by Statute 27 Hen. VIII, c. 11.

No warrant for the issue of the King's treasure was deemed sufficient unless it were under either the great seal or the privy seal.

The provisions of the Act of 1535 for the passing of instruments under the great seal remained substantially in force until 1851 when by Stat. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 82 the Signet Office was abolished and the signet bill ceased to be the Lord Privy Seal's authority for his warrant to the Lord Chancellor. By the Great Seal Act of 1884 (Stat. 47 & 48 Vict. c. 30) the necessity of passing any instrument under the privy seal was abolished and the Privy Seal Office ceased to exist.

Until a comparatively late date the Privy Seal Office does not appear to have kept its records. A warrant of 1386 directed all the records of the Office of the reign of Edward III to be removed to the custody of the keeper of the rolls of Chancery.‡ As will be seen the earlier series of warrants for the privy seal described below come from sources other than the Privy Seal Office. The earliest series of records which were kept in that Office were the Docquet Books in which were entered notes of all the warrants that passed the privy seal. On the abolition of the Privy Seal Office in 1884 the records remaining in it were removed to the Public Record Office. This transfer has since been confirmed by countersigned warrant so that the records are now legally in the custody of the Master of the Rolls and subject to the conditions governing the production of the records described in Vol. I of the present Guide.

* For an account of the origin and early history of the privy seal, see Tout, *Chapters in Mediæval Administrative History*, Vols. I & II *passim* (Manchester, 1920).

† *Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council*, Vol. VI, pp. 316-320.

‡ Close Roll, 10 Rich. II (No. 227), m. 23.

Warrants for the Privy Seal.

Series I. Edward III to Henry VIII. 71 Files.

Series II. Henry VII to Charles II. 120 Bundles.

Series III. 1784 to 1851. 28 Bundles.

These are the warrants prepared by the Clerks of the Signet and forwarded to the Office of the Keeper of the Privy Seal as his authority for making out a writ of privy seal. The collection is very incomplete as these warrants were generally retained by the several Lords Privy Seal. Of the above three series the third only was preserved in the Privy Seal Office prior to its removal to the Public Record Office. The greater part of Series I and II came from the records in the Treasury of the Receipt of the Exchequer. With them has been incorporated a number of documents found in some bags in the Pells Office which were believed to have been brought there from Whitehall after a fire in the reign of James I. These bags after several adventures were transmitted in 1770 by order of the House of Lords to the State Paper Office.

For warrants of an earlier date than the reign of Richard II see the description of the Chancery Warrants for the Great Seal in Vol. I of the present work. A collection of Warrants for and Docquets of Privy Seals dating between the years 1634 and 1711 and formerly belonging to the Duke of Newcastle as Lord Privy Seal in the reign of Queen Anne is now amongst the Harleian MSS. at the British Museum. They are calendared in the Deputy Keeper's Thirtieth Report, pp. 360-503.

Files 61 to 64 of Series I consist of CERTIFICATES OF HOMAGE, Edw. III to Hen. VII. These are for the most part warrants to the Keeper of the Privy Seal to prepare the requisite warrants for writs of livery to issue under the Great Seal. They are in the form of letters from the Master of the Rolls to the Chamberlain of the Household requesting him to present the heir to the King so that he might perform his homage. On this being done, the Chamberlain certified on the face of the letter that the homage had been taken and sent on this certificate to the Keeper of the Privy Seal whose warrant it became for the issue of letters of Privy Seal directed to the Chancellor.

Files 65 to 71 of the same series are FIATS FOR PROTECTIONS and the like, Edw. III to Hen. VIII.

Privy Seal Office Docquet Books. 1571 to 1884. 40 Vols. After 1851 there are no warrants in the Privy Seal Office corresponding to the entries in these books. The sign manual warrants, which under Stat. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 82 took the place of the signet bills, after being passed and entered by the Lord Privy Seal were sent on to the Lord Chancellor and will be found amongst the Warrants for the Great Seal in the Chancery records.

Index to Docquet Books. 1601 to 1883. 17 Vols.

Index to Warrants for the Privy Seal. Hen. VIII to Chas. I. 3 Vols.

Miscellaneous Records.

1639 to 1876. 16 Bundles, &c. Included in this class are Decree Books of the Court of Requests for 1639 and 1640, the Keeper of the Privy Seal being the Master of that Court, various account and fee books, journals, letters and papers.

RECORDS OF THE SIGNET OFFICE.

The use of the signet as an authority for the royal acts is at least as early as the reign of Edward III. In the 15th century the Clerks of the Signet formed a distinct office under the King's principal secretary in whom the custody of the signet was vested.

In the reign of Henry VI the use of the signet at an early stage in the passage of grants under the great seal was regulated by the Privy Council.* The system, however, of a chain of official responsibility in the making of royal grants was not established by Parliament until 1535 when by Stat. 27 Hen. VIII, c. 11 (an Act concerning Clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal) it was enacted that all grants by the King or in his name should be brought to his principal secretary or one of the Clerks of the Signet and that a warrant from a Clerk of the Signet to the Keeper of the Privy Seal, to be followed by one from a Clerk of the Privy Seal to the Keeper of the Great Seal, should be the authority in ordinary cases for affixing the great seal to a grant. A scale of fees for the clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal Offices was laid down by the Act and provision was made for the payment of these fees in cases where the grant was passed by immediate warrant and did not go through the two offices.

The business of the Signet Office was performed by the four clerks acting in person or by deputy. Their primary duty was upon receipt of a warrant under the royal sign manual, countersigned by a Secretary of State or the Treasury, to draw out on parchment the King's Bill which was sent to the Secretary of State for the royal sign manual. At some period it became necessary for the Attorney General or Solicitor General to prepare the bills in certain cases, such as creations of nobility, charters, commissions and patents for invention. When the King's Bills were returned to the Signet Office duly signed a transcript was made of them to which the signet was affixed. This transcript was then sent to the Privy Seal Office and was known as the Signet Bill being the authority for the Writ of Privy Seal to the Lord Chancellor.

A secondary duty of the Signet Office was the entering of all letters dispatched under the royal sign manual from the government to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

The Signet Office was abolished in 1851 by Stat. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 82, which substituted simpler forms for the passing of grants under the great seal for those previously in vogue. Such duties of the Office as still remained under this Act were henceforth to be performed in the Office of the Home Secretary.

The following are the records of the Signet Office now preserved in the Public Record Office. They are open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837, and down to that date are included in the printed list of State Papers relating to Great Britain and Ireland, published in Lists and Indexes, No. XLIII (1914). Permission to inspect the records after 1837 must be obtained from the Home Office.

Warrants for King's Bills (S.O. 6).

1661 to 1851. Under arrangement. The brief directions under the royal sign manual, countersigned by a Secretary of State or the Treasury Commissioners, which were the authority to the Clerks of the Signet to draw up the King's Bills.

* See p. 131 above.

King's Bills (S.O. 7).

1661 to 1851. 392 Bundles. These have been described above. The series is in continuation of the **Warrants** in the **STATE PAPER OFFICE** (see p. 14). The Bills are arranged in monthly files or parcels and reference to them may be made by means of the Docquet Books following. Both the Bills prepared in the Signet Office and those by one of the Law Officers of the Crown were preserved in the Signet Office.

Docquet Books (S.O. 3).

1584 to 1874. 40 Vols. These contain entries month by month of the docquets or short summaries of the contents of the King's Bills. The docquets cease in December 1851. Between 1853 and 1874 letters recommendatory for the election of bishops addressed to the respective deans and chapters have been entered in full in the last volume.

Docquet Books : Indexes (S.O. 4).

1584 to 1851. 15 Vols. *Indices nominum* to the foregoing books giving the months in which the respective bills will be found. The first two volumes of the index for the years between 1584 and 1624 have been printed by the British Record Society (Index Library, Vol. IV, London, 1890).

Irish Letter Books (S.O. 1).

1627 to 1876. 38 Vols. Entries in full of letters sent under the royal sign manual to the Lord Lieutenant and other authorities in Ireland. Some entries relating to other matters, such as letters recommendatory for elections to bishoprics in England and Wales, will be found in the volumes. Down to the end of the year 1670 the books have been calendared in the *Calendar of State Papers, Ireland*, and subsequent to that year in the volumes of the *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series*, so far as at present published. From 1776 onwards the entries are largely duplicated in the Irish series of King's Letter Books amongst the Home Office records (see above p. 110), except that the letters relating to financial matters (pensions, pay of regiments in Ireland and the like) which down to 1832, or thereabouts, appear in the Signet Office series, are not in the Home Office books.

Irish Letter Books : Indexes (S.O. 2).

1643 to 1875. 7 Vols. These refer to the preceding books.

Miscellaneous Records (S.O. 5).

1660 to 1871. 45 Vols. Included amongst these are the following :—

Account Books, 1711 to 1854.

Fee Books, 1761 to 1871. From 1852 to 1871 the fees are on Irish Instruments only.

Entry Book of Grants of Almsmen's and Almswomen's places (1660 to 1750) and of Caveats against various grants (1661 to 1727).

Precedent Books.

Entry Books of Irish Letters, 1800 to 1806. 2 Vols., indexed.

RECORDS OF THE LORD STEWARD'S DEPARTMENT (BOARD OF GREEN CLOTH).

The Board of Green Cloth, 'the Counting House of the King's Household' as it is termed by Sir Edward Coke, is presided over by the Lord Steward and those who formerly attended its meetings included the Treasurer, the Controller, the Master and the Cofferer amongst other officers of the Household. Its business was to take the accounts of the daily expenditure and make the necessary provisions for the Household and payment for the same, and to see to the good government of the sovereign's household servants.*

Prior to 1782 the principal accounting officer of the Lord Steward's Department was the Cofferer whose accounts were delivered into the Exchequer and are preserved amongst the Declared Accounts of the Pipe Office. His duties have been described as the payment of the wages of the King's servants *beneath* the stairs, those of the Lord Chamberlain being the payment of the wages of those *above* the stairs of the Household. The accounts preserved in the Lord Steward's Department up to 1782 are therefore all subsidiary to the Cofferer's main account. In 1761 a considerable reorganisation in the system of keeping these subsidiary accounts was made, each sub-department of the Household having henceforth its ledger, which included both salaries and ordinary and extraordinary expenses.

In 1782, by Stat. 22 Geo. III, c. 82, the offices of the Cofferer, the six clerks of the Board of Green Cloth and certain others of the Household were abolished and provision was made for more economical methods of keeping the accounts of Civil List expenditure under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. Thenceforth the Estimates described below (**L.S. 13**, Nos. 303, 304) became the main account of the Lord Steward's Department.

Connected with the Board of Green Cloth was the business of the Court of the Verge, which represented the ancient jurisdiction of the Steward and Marshal of the King's House within a certain area round the place where the King might happen to reside for the time being. This jurisdiction, which was primarily intended for the control of the King's household servants and to administer justice between them, had been regulated by various statutes from the year 1300 onwards. By Stat. 13 Richard II, c. 3, its jurisdiction was confined to a space of twelve miles from the King's lodging. The records of the separate courts of the Marshalsea and the Palace of Westminster which grew out of this jurisdiction and were both abolished in 1849 have been described in Vol. I of the present work. The ancient Court of the Verge as finally established by Stat. 27 Henry VIII, c. 24, s. 10, still exists for certain purposes and some of its records will be found described below.

The following are the records of the Lord Steward's Department now preserved at the Public Record Office. They are open to public inspection to the end of the year 1800.

* Coke, *Institutes*, IV, cap. 19.

136 RECORDS OF THE LORD STEWARD'S DEPARTMENT
(BOARD OF GREEN CLOTH).

Accounts : Controller of the Household (L.S. 1).

1640 to 1761. 105 Vols. These are in continuation of the accounts amongst the **Accounts Various** of the Exch. K. R. (see Vol. I, p. 84), which overlap them to some extent. They account for the 'Ordinary' expenditure, i.e. that authorised by the Establishments (see below, **L.S. 13**. Nos. 30-69) but contain often only the incidental expenses and require to be supplemented by the Ledgers and other books of the various sub-departments (see **L.S. 13**). Before 1685 the petitions and minutes of the Board are entered in these volumes.

Accounts : Lord Steward, Salaries (L.S. 2).

1761 to 1855. 114 Vols. These are made out quarterly and show the salaries chargeable to the Civil List. The officers and servants of the Household are arranged under the several departments and included amongst the salaries are those of the chaplains and others officiating at the Chapels Royal.

Accounts : Ledgers (L.S. 3).

1761 to 1782 and 1821 to 1851. 10 Vols. The earlier series consists of general ledgers and ledgers of salaries paid. From 1821 they are ledgers of the bills paid at the several royal residences.

Accounts : Pedes Parcellarum (L.S. 4).

1661 to 1761. 70 Vols. These contain monthly, half-yearly and yearly analyses of the expenses of each department, both Ordinary and Extraordinary.

Accounts : Pedes Parcellarum, Duplicates (L.S. 5).

1703 to 1758. 35 Vols.

Accounts : Auditors' States (L.S. 6).

1816 to 1840. 9 Vols. Quarterly states of accounts as audited in the Civil List Audit Office of the Treasury.

Accounts : Examinations of Bills (L.S. 7).

1825 to 1849. 15 Vols. and Bundles. These contain tabular analyses of the house bills at the several royal residences, giving the names of the tradesmen, the nature of the account and notes as to the prices of the various commodities.

Accounts : Creditors (L.S. 8).

1641 to 1854. 321 Vols. These are entry books of the monthly bills of all creditors not paid by salary and contain the Extraordinary expenses which required special warrants. From 1761 to 1815 they are subdivided into three sections, namely, Household, Kitchen and Incidental, and between 1795 and 1799 there are separate books for the Hampton Court accounts. Prior to 1815 the bills are usually abstracted only but thenceforward are entered in full.

Kitchen Books (L.S. 9).

1660 to 1830. 312 Vols. These consist of the following :—
DIETS, 1661 to 1761. Rough daily lists of the provisions supplied for the several tables of the Household. (Nos. 1-48.)
BILL OF FARE FOR THE CORONATION, 1685. (No. 49.)
DIETS, EXTRAORDINARY, 1678 to 1716. Expenditure of provisions supplied by special warrant. (Nos. 50-55.)
DIETS, BOARD OF GREEN CLOTH, 1717 to 1721. (Nos. 56-59.)
LEDGERS, 1660 to 1729. As the Kitchen drew its provisions from other departments these relate mainly to the payment of board wages to various members of the Household. They include also payments for ales and wines. (Nos. 60-77.)
BILLS OF FARE AND LEDGERS, 1660 to 1812. The Bills of Fare were in all probability made up from the Diets described above. From 1761 they are replaced by Ledgers. (Nos. 78-226.)
MENSILS, 1761 to 1830. Monthly tabular returns of each item served to the Kitchen with the prices. The Creditor Accounts above described (L.S. 8) were made up from these. There are separate series of books for certain articles such as coal, brushes, &c. and for the palaces at Kew, Hampton Court, Warwick House, &c. (Nos. 227-290.)
QUARTERLY BOOKS, 1761 to 1807. Summaries of the Mensils classified under subject headings made out for each month with the grand totals at each quarter. (Nos. 291-312.)

Gardens : Books (L.S. 10).

1802 to 1816. 10 Vols. Entry books of correspondence with abstracts of the value of the fruit and vegetable produce of the several royal gardens and of the expenses of the same. There is a volume of plans and elevations of hothouses.

Gardens : Bills (L.S. 11).

1816 to 1854. 39 Vols. Entry books of the Bills for expenditure on the several gardens.

Gardens : Examination of Bills (L.S. 12).

1818 to 1842. 12 Vols. Quarterly examinations of the bills bound up in books. They summarise the expenditure on each of the gardens.

Miscellaneous Books (L.S. 13).

1598 to 1870. 350 Vols., &c. This class contains a number of accounts and other documents, mostly of a subsidiary nature, relating to the expenses of the various departments of the Household. The following may be particularly noticed :—

ANNUAL EXPENSES OF THE HOUSEHOLD, 1761 to 1780. Tabulated under the various classes of provisions, &c. and shown for each month. (No. 1.)

BOUNTY, 1758 to 1813. Original grants under the royal sign manual with the signed receipts of the recipients. (Nos. 2-5.)

CHEQUE ROLLS, James I to George II. These give the names of the officers and servants of the Household, with notes as to the dates of their being sworn, the authority by which they were appointed, &c. (Nos. 6-13.)

Miscellaneous Books (L.S. 13)—(continued).

- COMPENSATIONS FOR BREAKAGES AND FOR ALLOWANCES IN KIND, 1815 to 1843. (*Nos.* 286-299.)
- CONTRACTS, 1669 to 1812. Minute books of the board with notes of the several contracts entered into and original signatures of the contractors. (*Nos.* 17-29.)
- ESTABLISHMENT BOOKS, 1627 to 1812. These account for the ordinary expenditure of the Household and show the diets or liveries to be allowed to each officer or servant of the Household, the Chamber, the Chapel and the Stable, the wages and board wages together with the provisions for the horses, &c. Many of the volumes are under the royal sign manual and are engrossed in gilt. (*Nos.* 30-69.)
- ESTIMATES, 1783 to 1814. These, as already explained, constitute the main account of the Lord Steward's Department after the abolition of the Cofferer's Office. (*Nos.* 303, 304.)
- EXPEDITIONS, 1693 to 1743. General expenses of royal expeditions to Holland (1693 to 1727) and board wages on the expedition to Germany in 1743. (*Nos.* 70-81.)
- JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, 1673 to 1790. Entry books of proceedings before the Court of the Verge consisting of recognizances to appear before the Court, commitments and other orders. (*Nos.* 84-88.)
- LEDGERS, 1660 to 1759. These belong to the Acatery, Buttery, Cellar, Chamber, Poultry and other sub-departments of the Household. (*Nos.* 89-103.)
- LETTERS, 1661 to 1801. Entry books of out-letters of the Board of Green Cloth with some minutes (1661 to 1703) and an entry book relating to the Gardens. (*Nos.* 104-107.)
- MINUTES, 1685 to 1815. Earlier minutes of the Board of Green Cloth will be found in **L.S. 1** and others in the Contract and Letter Books in this class. (*Nos.* 114-118.)
- ORDERS, 1685 to 1851. These include orders on petitions made by the Board of Green Cloth or Court of the Verge (1685 to 1747), orders to the Spicery and other offices (1763 to 1814) and orders to tradesmen (1763 to 1851), the two last showing the quantities of goods ordered each day. (*Nos.* 119-153 and 312-314.)
- RECEIPT BOOKS FOR WAGES AND ALLOWANCES, 1761 to 1816. The actual cash payments in the country houses are recorded here with the signatures of the recipients. (*Nos.* 154-167, 345-350.)
- RECORDS, 1598 to 1815. Miscellaneous entry books of the acts of the Board, letters, contracts, warrants, &c. and of a variety of matters of interest to the Household, such as the orders of local justices fixing the prices of commodities, &c. (*Nos.* 168-184.)
- REMAINDERS, 1641 to 1725. Periodical stocktaking returns of the stores of the Buttery, Pantry and Cellar in the several palaces. (*Nos.* 185-192.)
- RULES, George III and George IV. Rules and orders for the governance of the Household. (*Nos.* 193, 194.)

Miscellaneous Books (L.S. 13)—(continued).

SALARIES. An entry book of assignments of board wages in the Office of the Clerk of the Kitchen, with letters of administration, probates of wills, &c. 1712 to 1726 (*No. 195*), and salaries in the Household showing the taxes deducted, 1790 to 1827. (*Nos. 196, 322-329.*)

SERVANTS, 1672 to 1820. Certificate books of the admissions of servants, lists of servants on special duty, &c. (*Nos. 197-209.*)

STABLE, &c., 1761 to 1781. Books made up by binding the quarterly 'Creditor' accounts of the Stable with the salary and wages lists of the Stable, Chamber and Chapel. (*Nos. 210-230.*)

TAXES, 1689 to 1825. An Assessment book of all their Majesties' servants below stairs with their several relations, families and servants made at Whitehall 30 July, 1689, for the purposes of a poll tax (*No. 231*) and receipt and minute books of the collectors of taxes for the Verge of Whitehall and St. James's, 1715 to 1825. (*Nos. 232-236.*)

TREASURER'S PETTY DISBURSEMENT BOOKS, 1819 to 1845. (*Nos. 333-339.*)

TREATISES AND PRECEDENT BOOKS. Copies made in the 17th and 18th centuries of documents and papers dating from the reign of Edward I and relating to the Verge, the Board of Green Cloth, the Lord Steward's jurisdiction, &c. The collection includes a volume of original papers of Sir Julius Caesar relating to the Household, &c., of the reign of James I. (*Nos. 277-281.*)

VEGETABLE BOOKS, 1783 to 1793. Tabulated returns showing the produce each day of the several royal gardens and its distribution in the Household. (*Nos. 237-245.*)

WARRANTS OF APPOINTMENT, 1627 to 1820. Original warrants of the Lord Steward and entry books of royal and Lord Steward's warrants. (*Nos. 246-267.*)

WINE BOOKS, 1720 to 1830. Remains and issues of wines. (*Nos. 268-276.*)

RECORDS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The records of the various Councils of Trade and Plantations which existed between the years 1660 and 1782 now belong to the Colonial Office and are elsewhere described in this work. In the latter year by Stat. 22 Geo. III, c. 82, the Board of Trade and Plantations which had been erected in 1695 was abolished and by section 15 of that Statute the business theretofore done by the Board was entrusted to any Committee or Committees of the Privy Council which the Crown might appoint. Accordingly by an Order in Council of 5 March, 1784, and again by a further Order of 23 Aug., 1786, which is still in force, Committees of the Privy Council for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations were constituted. For long the duties of this Committee were almost entirely consultative but in 1840 it began to acquire the modern executive functions of the present Board.* The Committee obtained its present name of the Board of Trade in 1861 by Stat. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 47.

The records of the Board of Trade which have been transferred to the Public Record Office extend, with certain exceptions among the Miscellaneous, mainly between the years 1784 and 1839. They are open to public inspection down to the end of the year 1837 and lists of the various classes to that year are printed in Public Record Office Lists and Indexes, No. XLVI (1921).

In-Letters (B.T. 1).

1791 to 1839. 357 Vols. The original letters and papers communicated to the Committee. They are bound up in volumes, each paper being numbered with a letter and number and so referred to in the Minutes. From 1808 onwards *see* the Reference Books described below.

In-Letters, Foreign Office (B.T. 2).

1824 to 1839. 11 Vols. The letters from the Foreign Office to the Committee separately bound but referred to in the same way as the general series.

Out-Letters (B.T. 3).

1786 to 1839. 28 Vols. Entry books of the letters sent from the Committee. Each volume is indexed.

Reference Books to In-Letters (B.T. 4).

1808 to 1839. 12 Vols. These are registers of the letters, &c. and give under the serial number of the letter, its date, a brief note of its purport, its dates of receipt and disposal by the Committee. Under the last date further reference to the matter can be had in the Minute Books. Vols. 11 and 12 of the class are subject indexes for the years 1832 and 1834 to 1835 and the Reference Books for the years 1836 to 1839 contain similar indexes.

Minutes (B.T. 5).

1784 to 1850. 59 Vols., &c. These record the daily proceedings of the Committee with numerical references to the volumes of the In-Letters and to the individual papers contained in them. From 1839 onwards the original rough minutes (unbound) only are in the Public Record Office.

* Anson, *Law and Custom of the Constitution* (3rd edit.), Vol. II, Part I, pp. 194, *seqq.*

Miscellanea (B.T. 6).

1697 to 1855. 284 Vols. This class consists of reports, accounts, and returns of various sorts made to the Committee, miscellaneous registers kept by the Committee, &c. Many of the papers entered in the Register of In-Letters (**B.T. 4**) from 1808 onwards will be found here. The following are some of the principal classes of papers included in this class:—

African Questions and Accounts. 1770 to 1805.

American Intercourse with Great Britain, the West Indies, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. 1783 to 1807.

Coinage, Papers relating to. 1797 to 1821.

Corn, Papers relating to. 1789 to 1802.

Consular Reports. 1786 to 1835.

Consular Returns. 1816 to 1821.

Customs and Excise Accounts, Accounts of Imports and Exports, and of Foreign Tariffs, &c. 1780 to 1832.

Petitions (Agricultural, Silk, Timber, Shoemakers', Tanners', Paper Stainers', Distillers', &c.). 1810 to 1829.

Shipping and Trade Returns from Consuls and Naval Officers. 1697 to 1850.

Reports on the Export Trade to the East Indies. 1791 to 1821.

Orders in Council referring to Colony Laws. 1802 to 1843.

Registers of Licences to Neutral Vessels. 1809 to 1822.

Trade Statistics. 1782 to 1831.

Enemy Debts Committee.

War of 1914-1918. 132 Files, &c. Minutes, Reports, Correspondence, and Papers of the Committee appointed to deal with Enemy Debts.

RECORDS OF THE TREASURY.

The ancient functions of the Treasurer, who at an early date succeeded the Justiciar as the presiding officer of the Exchequer, have been already described in Vol. I of the present work. The development of the Treasury as a distinct Department of State belongs to later times. It was a gradual process but its first beginnings are usually attributed to the period of Lord Burghley's tenure of the Office of Lord Treasurer, when owing to his many duties as the leader of the Government he came to sit less and less at the Exchequer. He is thought to have been the first Lord Treasurer to have transmitted his orders in writing to the Exchequer through a secretary, although there are not wanting earlier instances of Treasurer's warrants and written orders to the officers of that Court.

It was not, however, until the Treasury was put in commission in 1635 that the necessity of recording the several Acts of the Board in entry books kept in the Department became apparent. Accordingly from this date various series of Warrant Books and the like are in existence amongst the records of the Treasury, but it is at a still later date, namely the year 1667, when the Treasury on the death of the Earl of Southampton was again put in commission, that the modern system of Minute Books with Warrant, Order, Letter Books and the like begins.

By the Act of Union with Scotland, the Lord High Treasurer of England became the Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain. By Stat. 56 Geo. III, c. 98, the offices of the Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain and the Lord High Treasurer of Ireland were consolidated in the person of the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Treasury has the entire control and management of the public revenue and expenditure and its powers therefore extend over every department of public administration in the Kingdom. Down to the year 1856 the very wide business of the Board was distributed amongst several divisions or departments, whose number and the matters each dealt with were varied from time to time. In those cases where a division or department used a general entry book for its letters, the business of that division or department for the period concerned is described in the following account.

The records of the Treasury now preserved at the Public Record Office are, with the exception of Civil List records, open to public inspection to the end of the year 1837. Lists of the various classes down to this year have been printed in Public Record Office Lists and Indexes, No. XLVI (1921). The Board Papers (**T. 1**) are described in the printed *Calendar of Treasury Papers, 1556 to 1728* (6 Vols.) which is continued in the *Calendar of Treasury Books and Papers, 1729 to 1745* (5 Vols.) A *Calendar of Treasury Books* (Minute Books, Letter Books, Warrant Books, &c.) from 1660 is in progress, eight volumes carrying the calendar down to 12 February, 1689; having been already published. From 1729 to 1745 the Books are described in the above *Calendar of Treasury Books and Papers*.

For the inspection of the records subsequent to 1837 a special permit from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury is required.

IN-LETTERS.**Treasury Board Papers (T. 1).**

1557 to 1889. 8,468 Vols. and Bundles. These contain the original correspondence of the Board together with occasional minutes, reports, &c. They are described down to the year 1745 in the above mentioned *Calendar of Treasury Papers*, and for other periods may be referred to by means of the Registers and Reference Books described below.

Treasury Board Papers, Supplementary (T. 98).

1599 to 1800. 3 Vols.

Registers of Papers (T. 2).

1777 to 1889. 369 Vols. These contain brief entries of the letters and papers, their subject matter, date, disposal, &c. From 1782 onwards there is a contemporary numeration of the papers but the originals of all that are entered in the Registers will not now be found under the numbers given there, many having been weeded out and others transferred to later numbers as explained below. The Registers are in two series, an alphabetical and a numerical one, and from 1817 onwards the former is further subdivided into 'Individuals' and 'Public Offices.'

Skeleton Registers (T. 3).

1783 to 1879. 68 Vols. These registers merely mark up all transfers of papers from one number to another. Incidentally they show the constitution of the so-called 'Long Bundles' amongst the Board Papers, i.e. those bundles which contain papers, &c. on special matters extending over considerable periods of time.

Reference Books, &c. (T. 4).

1680 to 1819. 43 Vols. These consist of entries of applications to the Treasury Board with brief notes of the minutes made thereon. The entries are made either alphabetically or chronologically, in the latter case the volume being usually indexed.

OUT-LETTERS.

The following are entry books of the Out-Letters. With one or two exceptions the volumes are indexed throughout.

Admiralty (T. 5).

1849 to 1889. 18 Vols. Letters of an earlier date to the Naval Departments will be found in the **General** and **Various** series described below.

Auditors (T. 6).

1810 to 1888. 35 Vols. Letters to the Auditor of the Exchequer, the Commissioners of Audit and the Controller and Auditor General successively.

Colonial Affairs (T. 7).

1849 to 1889. 26 Vols. For earlier letters see the Secretaries of State Letter Books in the **Various** series below.

Corporations (T. 8).

1849 to 1888. 17 Vols. Letters to Municipal Corporations, Burial and Local Boards.

OUT-LETTERS—(continued).**Council (T. 9).**

1793 to 1889. 25 Vols. The earlier volumes contain chiefly entries of Orders of Council, which are continued to the year 1830. The entry of letters to the Council Office begins about 1810.

County Courts (T. 10).

1849 to 1889. 13 Vols. Letters to Treasurers and others of County Courts relating to their receipts and expenditure.

Customs (T. 11).

1667 to 1888. 126 Vols. Down to the year 1849 these relate to both Customs and Excise matters. For Excise subsequent to 1849 see below **Taxes**.

Foreign Office (T. 12).

1857 to 1889. 17 Vols. For earlier letters to the Foreign Secretary see **Various** below.

Home Office (T. 13).

1835 to 1888. 20 Vols. For earlier letters to the Home Secretary see **Various** below.

Ireland (T. 14).

1669 to 1889. 66 Vols.

Law, General (T. 15).

1807 to 1889. 39 Vols. Letters to the Treasury Solicitor, King's (or Queen's) Remembrancer, the Courts of Law and prior to 1857 to the King's (or Queen's) Proctor.

Law, Queen's Proctor (T. 16).

1857 to 1887. 6 Vols. Letters relating to Intestates' estates, &c.

North Britain (T. 17).

1707 to 1836. 40 Vols.

Parliamentary (T. 18).

1875 to 1889. 5 Vols. Earlier correspondence on Parliamentary matters is entered in the General Letter Books.

Post Office (T. 19).

1850 to 1889. 23 Vols. For earlier letters on the subject see the series below **General** and **Taxes**.

Stationery Office (T. 20).

1849 to 1889. 7 Vols. For earlier letters see below **General** and **Taxes**.

Superannuation (T. 21).

1857 to 1889. 50 Vols. Letters to Government Departments and individuals relating to pensions and compensation allowances.

OUT-LETTERS—(continued).**Taxes (T. 22).**

1704 to 1888. 49 Vols. Down to 1849 these contain entries of letters relating to the collection of Taxes generally ; between 1820 and 1849 they include correspondence dealing with such matters as the Post Office, Mint, Stationery Office, Stamps, Hackney Coaches, the King's Printer and the Alienation Office. From 1849 onwards they contain the correspondence with the Inland Revenue Department.

Treasurers Abroad (T. 23).

1856 to 1889. 5 Vols. Letters transmitting money to treasurers abroad.

War Departments (T. 24).

1855 to 1889. 23 Vols. For earlier letters see the **General** and **Various** series below.

Woods and Forests (T. 25).

1773 to 1888. 34 Vols.

Works and Public Buildings (T. 26).

1852 to 1888. 15 Vols. Prior to 1832 the correspondence with the Office of Works is entered in the General Letter Book. From 1832 to 1851 the Office was consolidated with the Office of Woods and the correspondence will be found in the preceding class.

General (T. 27).

1668 to 1889. 193 Vols. These consist of the following :—

GENERAL LETTER BOOKS, 1668 to 1836. 97 Vols.

GENERAL LETTER BOOKS, FIRST DEPARTMENT, 1835 to 1849, 21 Vols. The First Department during this period comprised the business with the Naval and Military Departments, the Paymaster of Civil Services and the Paymaster of Royal Bounties.

GENERAL LETTER BOOKS, THIRD DIVISION, 1832 to 1849. 14 Vols. Letters to the following, viz,—Alienation Office, Bank of England, Corporations, Courts of Law and Equity, East India Company, Hanaper, Indian Board of Control, Individuals, King's (or Queen's) Printer, King's (or Queen's) Remembrancer, Mint, National Debt Commissioners, Queen's Prison and Stationery Office.

GENERAL LETTER BOOKS, MISCELLANEOUS, 1836 to 1849. 7 Vols. The principal departments, &c. dealt with in this series are Registrar of Admiralty Court (Slave Trade), British Museum, Charity Commissioners, Church Building Commissioners, Cinque Ports, Clerks of the Peace, &c., Copyhold Commissioners, Ecclesiastical Commissioners, Enclosure Commissioners, Fine Arts Commissioners, French Protestant Ecclesiastical Committee, Registrar of Friendly Societies, Guernsey, Royal Household, Insolvent Debtors' Court, Jersey, Loan Commissioners for Public Works, Local Government Act Office, Lunacy Commissioners, Isle of Man, National Gallery, National School Society, Parliament Houses, Poor Law Commissioners, Public Record Office, Railway Commissioners, Registrar General, Sheriffs, Tithe Commissioners, Trinity House, Universities.

OUT-LETTERS—(continued).**General (T. 27)**—(continued).

GENERAL LETTER BOOKS, FIRST DIVISION, 1849 to 1856. 3 Vols.
Comprising correspondence concerned with Friendly Societies, Guernsey and the Paymaster General.

GENERAL LETTER BOOKS, SECOND DIVISION, 1849 to 1856. 4 Vols.
This Division continued the greater part of the correspondence comprised in the Miscellaneous General Letter Books above described, excepting that with the Clerks of the Peace, Guernsey, the Paymaster of Civil Services and prior to 1854 the Registrar of Friendly Societies. In addition it included the Bank of England, Civil Service Commission, Exchequer, Exhibition (1851) Commissioners, Metropolitan Board of Works, Mint, National Debt Commissioners, National Portrait Gallery and the Queen's Printer.

GENERAL LETTER BOOKS, THIRD DIVISION, 1855 to 1856. 1 Vol.
This Division during this period dealt with financial matters including warrants.

GENERAL LETTER BOOKS, MISCELLANEOUS, NEW SERIES, 1857 to 1889. 46 Vols. The following are the departments, &c. comprised in these:—Bank of England, British Museum, Charity Commission, Church Building Commission, Cinque Ports, Civil Service Commission, Duchy of Cornwall, Ecclesiastical Commission, Emigration Commission, Enclosure Commission, Exchequer, Exhibitions of 1851 and 1862 Commissioners, Fine Arts Commission, Registrar of Friendly Societies, Garter King of Arms, Guernsey, India Office, Irish Departments, Jersey, Loan Commissioners for Public Works, Local Government Act Office, Lunacy Commissioners, Isle of Man, Metropolitan Board of Works, Mint, National Debt Commissioners, National Gallery, National Portrait Gallery, Parliament Houses, Paymaster General, Poor Law Commissioners, Public Record Office and Queen's Printer.

Various (T. 28).

1763 to 1888. 115 Vols. This class consists of the following:—
AMERICA, 1763 to 1838. 4 Vols. These include correspondence with Canada and the West Indies.

LAND REVENUE, 1806 to 1816. 4 Vols.

NAVAL AND MILITARY DEPARTMENTS, 1811 to 1835. 30 Vols.

PARKS, 1795 to 1831. 1 Vol.

PARLIAMENTARY RETURNS, &c., 1814 to 1826. 1 Vol.

PREVENTIVE SERVICE, 1816 to 1820. 1 Vol.

SECRETARIES OF STATE, 1796 to 1856. 34 Vols. Letters to the Secretaries of State for Home and Foreign Affairs, the Colonies and War.

CONTROLLERS OF ARMY ACCOUNTS, 1805 to 1835. 11 Vols.

CONSULS AND MINISTERS ABROAD, 1831 to 1854. 1 Vol.

DUCHY OF CORNWALL, 1822 to 1856. 1 Vol.

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS, 1858 to 1871. 8 Vols.

PUBLIC WORKS IN IRELAND, 1831 to 1856. 5 Vols.

OUT-LETTERS—(continued).**Various (T. 28)**—(continued).

ORDNANCE, 1855 to 1856. 1 Vol.

PAYMASTER GENERAL, 1859 to 1885. 4 Vols.

PUBLIC BOARDS, TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS, &c., 1849 to 1852.
1 Vol.

WAR DEPARTMENTS, &c., 1849 to 1856. 3 Vols. Letters to the Secretary of the Admiralty, Ordnance Office, War Office, Paymaster General and others, including letters relating to Chelsea Hospital and the Royal Military Asylum.

INDIA, 1849 to 1885. 3 Vols. Letters to the Board of Control, the East India Company and the Under Secretary of State and others at the India Office.

SCOTCH DEPARTMENTS, 1886 to 1888. 2 Vols.

MINUTES.**Minute Books (T. 29).**

1667 to 1870. 632 Vols. The Minutes of the Treasury Board. Occasional entries of the Minutes prior to 1667 made at such times as the Treasury was in commission will be found in the various Warrant Books. The entries are abstracted in the *Calendar of Treasury Books* and each volume has a full index of its contents.

Minute Books, Supplementary (T. 99).

1690 to 1691. 2 Vols. These have been recently restored to the Public Record Office and fill a gap in the general series.

ACCOUNTS.**General—Yearly (T. 30).**

1688 to 1854. 46 Vols. These are balanced accounts of the public income and expenditure successively of England, of Great Britain (from 1707) and of the United Kingdom (from 1836). They have been made up principally from the returns periodically transmitted to the Treasury from the Exchequer. Until the establishment of the Consolidated Fund in 1787 each of the numerous Exchequer accounts is shown separately.

Quarterly (T. 31).

1701 to 1855. 450 Vols. These are of similar character to those in the foregoing series which were summarised from them.

Quarterly (Expenditure) (T. 32).

1800 to 1855. 38 Vols. These give particulars of the accounts of the several spending departments which after the year 1787 are not shown in either of the two foregoing series.

Declarations (Auditor's) (T. 33).

1660 to 1788. 191 Vols. Half-yearly declarations of the state of the Exchequer transmitted by the Auditor of the Receipt.

Declarations (Pells) (T. 34).

1636 to 1793. 150 Vols. Similar declarations transmitted by the Clerk of the Pells.

ACCOUNTS—(continued).**General—Various (T. 35).**

1636 to 1865. 53 Vols. and Bundles. A miscellaneous collection consisting of summaries and abstracts of accounts, estimates, weekly certificates, tables of comparisons, rough drafts, &c., &c.

Scotland (T. 36).

1707 to 1809. 13 Vols and Bundles. Miscellaneous returns and accounts of excise, &c. including accounts of the duties on wheeled carriages (1752 to 1756) and alphabetical lists of persons paying the duties on carriages and plate (1756 to 1762).

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1692 to 1859. 54 Vols. Miscellaneous accounts including accounts of weekly income and expenditure (1822 to 1845) and Consolidated Fund schedules (1843 to 1859).

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Elizabeth to 1881. 822 Vols. and Bundles. This class includes amongst other subjects the following:—

AUDIT (TREASURY), 1780 to 1870. Accounts passed, Auditors' reports, ledgers, &c.

AUDITORS' STATES OF ACCOUNT, 1783 to 1856. The Auditors of Imprests and the Commissioners for auditing public accounts.

CIVIL CONTINGENCIES LEDGERS, 1815 to 1858.

CIVIL LISTS, 1673 to 1854. Yearly and miscellaneous accounts, establishments, lists of pensions, &c.

COLONIES, 1685 to 1838. Miscellaneous accounts and papers relating to Barbados, Cape Town, North Carolina, Grenada and Quebec.

CONSOLIDATED FUND, 1787 to 1881. Accounts, schedules, &c.

CONVICT HULKS, 1802 to 1831. Quarterly lists of crews and convicts, &c.

CUSTOMS, Eliz. to 1835. Accounts of receipts and payments, &c.

DECLARED ACCOUNTS, 1687 to 1767. Entry books of the accounts, each volume indexed.

FEE BOOKS, PELLs, 1791 to 1834.

FEES, TREASURY, 1685 to 1851. Fee and Day Books, Ledgers and miscellaneous accounts.

HOUSEHOLD, 1575 to 1820. Various accounts of officers of the Household, establishments, salaries, &c.

INDIA, REGIMENTS SERVING IN, 1822 to 1847. Accounts of sums due from the East India Company for depots and recruiting districts.

NAVY, 1673 to 1820. Accounts of the Treasurer, Victualling Office, Prizes, &c.

POLICE, METROPOLITAN, 1756 to 1835. Accounts of Police Offices, &c.

PRINTERS, 1780 to 1786. Accounts of the King's Printer and Stationer.

ACCOUNTS—(continued).**Departmental (T. 38)—(continued).**

PUBLIC MONEYS, 1698 to 1856. Public Money Books, accounts of issues, &c.

SECRET SERVICE, 1689 to 1710. Cash and receipt books.

SOUTH SEA SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1720. Lottery annuities.

SPECIAL SERVICE, &c., 1783 to 1869.

SUPPLY BOOKS, 1700 to 1855. These show the grants of supplies for the several public services and the issues made in respect of each. They afford the readiest means of tracing expenditure on any particular object for the period they cover.

TAXES, 1698 to 1811. Accounts of house duties in London and elsewhere (1698 to 1778), rates on clerks and apprentices (1710 to 1717), &c.

WAR, 1685 to 1795. Miscellaneous accounts, estimates, &c.

Treasury Chest (T. 39).

1838 to 1878. 143 Vols. These comprise:—

Accounts of Foreign and Colonial Stations, 1846 to 1876.

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1794 to 1856. 9 Vols. Salary lists.

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1716 to 1847. 48 Vols. Returns of officers, quarterly establishment books for London and the Outports.

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Establishments, Excise, &c., England (T. 44).

1705 to 1835. 57 Bundles, &c. Quarterly salary lists, &c.

Establishments, Excise, &c., Scotland (T. 45).

1708 to 1832. 10 Bundles, &c. Salary bills, establishments, &c. for the collection of the Excise and the salt, malt and tobacco duties.

Victualling Lists (T. 46).

1763 to 1797. 23 Bundles, &c. Gibraltar, Grenada, Halifax, &c.

Registers, Various (T. 47).

1715 to 1820. 23 Vols. and Bundles. Included in this class are the following:—

Yearly lists of persons paying carriage and plate duties, lists of defaulters, &c., 1753 to 1776.

REGISTERS—(continued).**Registers, Various (T. 47)—(continued).**

- List of persons paying duty on male servants, 1780.
- Emigration returns, 1773 to 1776.
- Paymaster General's Office, salaries and contingencies, 1785 to 1793.
- Greenwich Hospital, salary lists, bills, pensions, &c., 1807 to 1815.
- Customs Establishment, Ireland, 1819.

MISCELLANEA.

Under this heading are included, with other records, the Order and Disposition Books and the several series of Warrant Books, which are included in the *Calendar of Treasury Books* for the period already covered by it. The volumes in most cases contain indexes of their contents.

Treasury Commissions (T. 40).

1695 to 1887. 99 Cases, &c. The original letters patent under the Great Seal appointing the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Lowndes Papers (T. 48).

Charles I to 1723. 23 Bundles and Vols. These are the papers and books of William Lowndes who was a Clerk in the Treasury from 1679 to 1695 and Secretary from 1695 to 1724. They consist of copies, drafts and abstracts of accounts and other documents, memoranda, subsidiary papers, &c. relating to Crown Lands, the Duchy of Lancaster, Finance, the Household, Ireland, Military and Naval Affairs, the Mint and Secret Service funds, a few original grants of offices and money and some private papers, which include a treatise on the land laws by Lowndes and a MS. copy of *Fleta*.

East India Papers (T. 49).

1702 to 1801. 35 Bundles. These are the semi-official papers of Lord North. They contain some original documents but consist mainly of transcripts made apparently for his use.

Documents Relating to Refugees (T. 50).

1780 to 1856. 97 Vols. and Bundles. These are concerned with the following refugees:—

- AMERICAN, 1780 to 1835. Loyalists' temporary allowances and pension lists, accounts, &c.
- FRENCH, 1793 to 1831. Pay lists of Breton and Norman refugees, ships' books of various kinds, &c.
- SPANISH, 1828 to 1829. Pay lists.
- TOULONESE, CORSICANS AND KNIGHTS OF MALTA, 1834 to 1840. Reports on applications and allowances.
- POLISH, 1841 to 1856. Pay lists.
- DIVERS REFUGEES, 1830 to 1841. Accounts, &c. These include St. Domingo, Dutch and Maltese refugees.

MISCELLANEA—(continued).**Warrants, Early (T. 51).**

1660 to 1692. 40 Vols. This class comprises the General Entry Books kept during the treasurership of the Earl of Southampton (1660 to 1667) before the final system of Treasury book-keeping was formed, together with a number of entry books, some dealing with special subjects, others of a general character but not belonging to any of the later series.

King's Warrants (T. 52).

1667 to 1857. 122 Vols. Entry books of letters patent, privy seals, royal sign manual warrants, &c. relating to salaries, pensions, payments of money to officials, institutions, &c.

Warrants relating to Money (T. 53).

1676 to 1839. 68 Vols. These are known as 'Money Books' and contain entries of warrants from the Treasury to the Auditor of the Receipt for the payment of moneys or issue of debentures.

Warrants not relating to Money (T. 54).

1667 to 1849. 58 Vols. Entry books of Treasury warrants not directly concerned with the payment of moneys, e.g. for the appointment of receivers and others, for sale of tin and gifts of timber, excise matters, &c.

Warrants for Crown Leases (T. 55).

1727 to 1818. 32 Vols. Warrants for leases and other documents relating to Crown Lands of an earlier period are entered in the preceding class.

Warrants, Various (T. 56).

1620 to 1863. 51 Vols. This class includes:—

LAUD'S AND JUXON'S MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS, 1635 to 1641.

Entry books of warrants, letters, reports, &c.

PRECEDENT BOOKS, 1620 to 1635 and 1675.

SHERIFFS, 1828 to 1856. Entry books of warrants for repayment of conviction money to sheriffs and of letters and warrants to sheriffs.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN, 1715 to 1724. Entries of warrants relative to the establishment of the Chamber, of letters to and from the Chamberlain, estimates for furniture, repairs, &c. for the royal palaces, &c.

MINT, 1696 to 1698. Entries of miscellaneous matters relating to the Mint including warrants to the Auditor, &c. of the Receipt, reports of officers of the Mint, receipts for bullion, &c.

NORTH BRITAIN, 1690 to 1695. Warrant books.

WAR OFFICE, 1795 to 1861. Warrants for Army Extraordinaries, &c.

CROWN DEBTS, 1714 and 1721 to 1809. Two entry books of warrants for the distribution of two several funds of £500,000 each for the settlement of the debts of Queen Anne and George I respectively. The latter fund was raised by a duty of sixpence in the pound on all pensions, salaries and allowances out of the Exchequer; hence the book was commonly known as the 'Sixpenny Book.'

MISCELLANEA—(continued).**Warrants, Various (T. 56)—(continued).**

FOUR-AND-A-HALF PER CENT. DUTIES, 1765 to 1832. Warrant book of payments out of the fund.

CONSOLIDATED FUND, 1797 to 1862. Entries of warrants to the Auditor of the Receipt and afterwards to the Controller General of the Exchequer for payments out of the said Fund.

IRELAND, 1836 to 1863. Entry books of warrants for payments out of the Consolidated Fund in respect of public services, institutions, &c. in Ireland.

Royal Orders and Warrants thereon (T. 57).

1834 to 1867. 3 Vols. Entry books of Royal Orders for the payment of money with notes of the Treasury Warrants issued thereon.

Letters and Orders to the Paymaster General (T. 58).

1834 to 1870. 29 Vols. These consist of :—

LETTER BOOKS, Warrant Department, 1834 to 1855.

LETTER BOOKS, Consolidated Fund, 1841 to 1855.

REGISTER OF ORDERS, Consolidated Fund and Civil Service, 1855 to 1870.

Letters and Orders to the Paymaster General (Ireland) (T. 59).

1837 to 1869. 9 Vols. consisting of :—

LETTER BOOKS, 1837 to 1855.

REGISTER OF ORDERS, Consolidated Fund and Civil Service, 1855 to 1869.

Order Books (T. 60).

1667 to 1831. 44 Vols. These contain brief entries of the Orders upon the Tellers of the Exchequer which were drawn by the Auditor of the Receipt pursuant to Treasury Warrants grounded on Privy Seals, King's Warrants or Acts of Parliament and sent to the Treasury for signature before they could be acted upon by the Tellers.

Disposition Books (T. 61).

1679 to 1856. 77 Vols. These contain the entries of the Letters of Direction signed by the Secretaries to the Treasury which followed upon the issue of the Orders to the Tellers and indicated the particular account upon which any prescribed payment was to be drawn. Down to the end of the year 1762 there is one general series of the books, after which the directions upon the Civil List are separated from those for the Public Service until the year 1834 when the old Exchequer offices were abolished.

Maps and Plans :

Series I (T. 62). 1668 to 1837. 133 Documents.

Series II (T. 63). 1838 to 1882. 24 Parcels.

A miscellaneous collection of maps, plans and drawings for the most part accompanying letters and reports amongst the Treasury Board Papers. They consist of maps, plans of public buildings, harbours, roads, &c., drawings of machinery and the like and relate to the United Kingdom (many to London), the colonies and foreign dependencies and a few foreign countries.

MISCELLANEA—(continued).**Various (T. 64).**

- 1547 to 1874. 398 Vols. and Bundles. The following are the principal subjects, &c., included in this class :—
- ARMY, 1685 to 1845. Reports of the Controllers of Army Accounts, miscellaneous reports, lists, papers, &c.
- CAVEAT BOOKS, 1673 to 1791. These are described in the *Calendar of Treasury Books* so far as that work now covers the period. The first book contains also petitions between 1668 and 1670.
- COLONIES, 1680 to 1867. Shipping and trade returns, correspondence, dispatches, &c.
- COMMISSARIAT, 1689 to 1822. Accounts, correspondence, &c. relating to the supply of provisions in America, Canada, Germany, Portugal, &c.
- CROWN LANDS, 1668 to 1803. Deeds, reports, &c.
- CUSTOMS, 1667 to 1834. Culliford's reports on frauds at various seaports (1681 to 1684), correspondence, reports, informations, &c.
- DANISH WEST INDIES (LOANS), 1786 to 1815. Memoranda, correspondence, accounts, &c.
- IRELAND, James I to 1848. Shipping estimates, papers relating to pensions and the Irish Establishment, potato crop returns (1848), &c.
- LAW OPINIONS, 1763 to 1809.
- MINT, 1547 to 1748. Indentures, &c.
- NAVY, 1684 to 1827. Correspondence, reports, &c. relating to stores and victualling, Parliamentary orders and returns, &c.
- PATENT BOOKS, 1761 to 1856. Entries of letters patent, each volume indexed.
- ST. DOMINGO, ABSENTEES' ESTATES, 1794 to 1803.
- SCOTLAND, 1641 to 1872. Reports, surveys, &c. relating to forfeited estates (1745 to 1756), trade reports, shipping returns, papers relating to revenue matters, the universities, &c.
- SHERIFFS' BILLS OF CRAVINGS, 1746 to 1785.
- TIN, 1688 to 1689 and 1703 to 1714. Entry books of tin coined, contracts, &c.
- TRADE RETURNS (ENGLAND), 1674 to 1810.
- WILLS, 1792 to 1794. Register of wills proved in the Consistory Court of London, 2 Vols. showing in tabular form the total amounts or proportions of the whole estate bequeathed to the issue, the relict, those related and those not related.

EXPIRED COMMISSIONS, &c.

The following records of abolished offices, expired Commissions of Inquiry and the like are amongst the records of the Treasury now transferred to the Public Record Office.

EXPIRED COMMISSIONS, &c.—(continued).**African Companies (T. 70).**

1660 to 1823. 1,693 Vols. and Bundles. This class comprises the records of three Companies :—

- (1) The Company of Royal Adventurers of England trading with Africa, incorporated by Royal Charter of 10 Jan., 1663,* and subsequently reorganised as
- (2) The Royal African Company of England by Royal Charter of 27 Sept., 1672.† This Company eventually became insolvent and its forts, settlements and factories on the coast of Africa were vested in
- (3) The Company of Merchants trading to Africa, which was incorporated in 1750 by Stat. 23 Geo. III, c. 31. It was abolished in 1821 by Stat. 1 & 2 Geo. IV, c. 28. Among the most important records of these companies are :—

For the history of the Companies :

Minute Books and Letter Books.

Detached Papers.

For their business :

Ledgers and Journals (home and Africa, etc.).

Cash and Receipt Books (home).

Invoice Books (home).

Day Books (Africa, etc.).

For the names of the persons concerned with them :

Books concerning dead men's effects.

Lists of packets and passengers.

Garrison Ledgers, Registers and Pay Lists.

Slave Registration and Compensation Records (T. 71).

1812 to 1846. 1,630 Vols., &c. In this class are comprised the records of

- (1) THE SLAVE REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT, which was established pursuant to Stat. 59 Geo. III, c. 120, 'An Act for establishing a Registry of Colonial Slaves in Great Britain, and for making further provision with respect to the removal of Slaves from British Colonies.'

After the passing of the Act in 1811 for the abolition of the Slave Trade many of the Colonies had instituted registers of the negroes lawfully held in slavery. Copies of these and subsequent registers were now ordered to be transmitted regularly to London.

The registers which extend from 1813 to 1834 number about 650 volumes, most of which are indexed under the names of the owners or plantations.

- (2) THE SLAVE COMPENSATION COMMISSION. This owed its origin to the Act of 3 & 4 William IV, c. 73, by which slavery was abolished in the British Dominions and a sum of £20,000,000 was granted by Parliament to compensate the slave proprietors. This was followed by various other Acts to facilitate the distribution of the Compensation, until by Stat. 4 Vict., c. 18, it was directed that moneys unpaid after 31 Dec., 1842, should revert to the public.

* Patent Roll 14 Chas. II, p. 27 (No. 3029).

† *Ibid.* 24 Chas. II, p. 3 (No. 3136).

EXPIRED COMMISSIONS, &c.—(continued.)**Slave Registration and Compensation Records (T. 71)—(continued).**

Owing to difficulties which attended the equitable distribution of these moneys these papers are necessarily divided into a great variety of classes. The total number of Slaves registered at the last slave registration was 780,993, and the sum voted was only sufficient to pay about 40 per cent. of their value, and in as much as no fixed standard of value could be placed per head on each slave, the amount varying, not only according to the sex, age, and infirmity or capabilities of the slave, but also between colony and colony, * in consequence of the amount of population, nature and scarcity of employment and so on, a very laborious investigation by Assistant Commissioners appointed for each colony became necessary, the results of which are embodied in the books and records of this class.

These records which now number 946 Books and Bundles have been classified as follows:—

Valuers' Returns.

Registers of Claims and Indexes thereto.

Original Claims and Certificates.

Counter-Claims.

Adjudications in Contested Cases.

Certificates for Compensation and Lists of Awards.

Commissioners' Hearing Notes and Minutes.

Assistant Commissioners' Proceedings.

Accounts.

Miscellanea including original correspondence and registers thereof.

The actual payment of the Compensation Claims was made by the Commissioners for the reduction of the National Debt under Treasury warrants and the records relating thereto are preserved amongst the records of that Department now in the Public Record Office.†

Municipal and Parliamentary Boundaries (T. 72).

1831 to 1836. 43 Bundles, &c. The Records of the Commissioners appointed under the Act of 1832 to inquire into the Boundaries of Parliamentary Boroughs and under the Act of 1835 to inquire into those of Municipal Corporations in England, Wales and Ireland consist of Drafts of the Maps and Plans prepared by the said Commissioners, and also of the Copper Plates from which the published impressions were taken. They do not include any Reports or other documents.

Oxford University Commission (T. 73).

1854 to 1860. 1 Bundle. Correspondence of the Commission appointed in 1854. There is a MS. index of the correspondents.

Education Commission (T. 74).

1819 to 1861. 44 Bundles and Vols. A commission was appointed in 1858 'to inquire into the present state of popular education in England and to consider and report what measures, if any, are required for the extension of sound and cheap elementary instruction to all classes of the people.'

* Thus in 1830 the value of a first-rate slave in Nevis was £54, and in British Guiana £230; whilst that of an inferior domestic in the Bahamas was only £25, and in British Guiana, £93. (Thomas, *Handbook to the Public Records*.)

† See above p. 121.

EXPIRED COMMISSIONS, &c.—(continued).**Education Commission (T. 74)—(continued).**

The records of this Commission consist of its correspondence, letters and minute books together with the printed reports of the Education and Charity Commissioners appointed under Statutes 58 Geo. III, c. 91 and 59 Geo. III, c. 91.

Surinam Absentees' Sequestered Property Commission (T. 75).

1813 to 1822. 17 Vols. and Bundles. Original correspondence, letter books, accounts and papers of the Commissioners appointed in 1813 to manage the estates in Surinam which belonged to persons residing in the French dominions.

Port of London Compensation Commission (T. 76).

1799 to 1824. 18 Vols., &c. The Port of London Compensation Commission was appointed to adjudicate upon the claims of, and to award compensation to, those whose property had been taken, or who had suffered losses in other ways, through the operation of the London Dock Act (39 & 40 Geo. III, c. 47) or of the East India Docks Acts (43 Geo. III, c. 46 and 46 Geo. III, c. 113).

The books and papers of the Commission consist of Minute Books, Memorials of Claims, Reports and Releases.

Index to Memorials, &c. 1 Vol. MS.

Index to Reports and Releases. 1 Vol. MS.

East Florida Claims Commission (T. 77).

1740 to 1789. 22 Bundles, &c. This Commission was appointed in pursuance of an Act 26 George III, c. 75, entitled 'An Act for appointing Commissioners to inquire into the losses of all such persons who have suffered in their properties in consequence of the cession of East Florida to the King of Spain.' A further Act was passed in 28 George III (c. 40) for making compensation to such persons.

The records of the Commission include in addition to the Claims of the sufferers, many of whom had taken refuge in the Bahamas, and the Reports of the Commissioners thereon, lists of title deeds, letters and papers relating to the management of the estates and other miscellaneous documents. An index of the Claimants is printed at pp. 95-97 of Lists and Indexes, No. XLVI.

French, Danish and Spanish Claims Commissions (T. 78).

1787 to 1841. 400 Bundles and Vols. The French Claims Commissions were appointed for the purpose of hearing claims and awarding compensation to British subjects who had suffered by the violation of the second Article of the Treaty of Commerce of 1786 between Great Britain and France. By that article it was provided that in case of a rupture between the two Crowns the subjects of each resident in the states of the other should be unmolested during peaceable behaviour, but in case their removal should be deemed necessary twelve months were to be allowed them for the removal of their persons and property. At the end of the war it was agreed by the Treaty of Paris (1815) that damages should be paid on award by a joint commission and two

EXPIRED COMMISSIONS, &c.—(continued).**French, Danish and Spanish Claims Commissions (T. 78)—(continued).**

Conventions annexed to the Treaty, Nos. VII and XIII, dealt respectively with the claims of British subjects in France and the claims of all persons without France. The first Commission was appointed in 1815 and others from time to time till the final Commission in 1833.

The Commissioners who were appointed by Treasury Warrant of 23 Jan., 1833, to adjudicate finally upon the French Claims were, by a Treasury Minute of 29 July, 1834, instructed to investigate the Claims made on the Government of Denmark by British subjects for the confiscation of their property in the year 1807 in retaliation on Great Britain for taking forcible possession of the Danish fleet.

The same Commissioners were further instructed in 1838 to inquire and adjudicate on the Claims preferred on the Government of Spain by British subjects for losses sustained by the confiscation of their property and sequestration of book debts immediately prior to the declaration of war against this country in 1804.

The records of these several Commissions consist of Awards, with the documents in support of the claims attached, and the Correspondence and Minutes of the Commissioners.

American Loyalist Claims Commission (T. 79).

1777 to 1812. 151 Vols., &c. The nature and origin of this Commission has been already described in the present work in connexion with the records formerly belonging to it now preserved amongst those of the Exchequer and Audit Office (page 78).

The records of the Commission preserved amongst those of the Treasury consist principally of the Minute Books of the Commissioners together with the Reports on Claims made by them and the special agents. An index of the names of the Claimants is printed at pp. 105-110 of the list of Treasury Records (Lists and Indexes, No. XLVI).

St. Domingo Papers (T. 81).

1794 to 1812. 28 Vols. and Bundles. The French portion of St. Domingo, now Hayti, was in British occupation from 1793 to 1798. The estates of absentees were administered by the Government and the accounts are in Class **T. 64** above.* By a Treasury minute of 6 Dec., 1798, after the evacuation it was resolved to assist the ruined proprietors and a committee was appointed to deal with claims.

The records here preserved consist of the minutes, proceedings, &c., of the Council in the colony during the occupation, the committee's decisions on the claims, &c.

Caledonian Canal (T. 82).

1807 to 1825. 1 Bundle. Accounts and memoranda.

Royal Military Canal (T. 83).

1808 to 1835. 1 Bundle. Accounts.

EXPIRED COMMISSIONS, &c.—(continued).**Danish and other Prizes (T. 84).**

1808 to 1814. 1 Bundle. Accounts and vouchers.

Scottish Harbours (T. 85).

1807 to 1824. 1 Bundle. Accounts and vouchers.

Highland Roads and Bridges (T. 86).

1803 to 1822. 1 Bundle. Accounts and vouchers.

Holyhead Harbour (T. 87).

1810 to 1823. 1 Bundle. Reports and accounts.

American Prizes (T. 88).

1812 to 1818. 1 Bundle. Accounts and vouchers.

Berbice (T. 89).

1812 to 1817. 1 Bundle. Accounts of Crown property and expenses of administration.

Courts of Justice, &c. (T. 90).

1693 to 1842. 190 Bundles & Vols. This class consists of the records of the following Commissions, &c.

COURTS OF JUSTICE, ROYAL COMMISSION, 1815. The Minutes, Reports and other proceedings of the Commissioners appointed to examine into the duties, salaries and emoluments of the Officers, Clerks and other Ministers of the various Courts of Law and Justice in England and Wales. The records include very full returns from the several Offices of the Courts of Chancery, King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, and also from the Consistory and Commissary Courts, the Court of Arches, the Prerogative and Peculiar Courts, the High Court of Admiralty, the Courts of Delegates and Prize Appeals.

COURTS OF JUSTICE, COMMISSION AS TO FEES (1 Will. IV, c.58). Similar returns from the officers of the same courts including also those of Wales and of the Palatinates of Durham and Lancaster, with certificates and schedules on claims, evidence and vouchers extending in date from 1693 to 1842.

PUBLIC OFFICES, COMMITTEE ON FEES. The Minute Books and other Proceedings of the Committee appointed by Treasury minute of 3 Nov., 1836, to inquire into the Fees of Public Offices. The records include Entry Books, Precedent Books, Books of Sheriffs' cravings and Compilations extending from 1723 to 1838 inclusive.

CIVIL LIST ESTABLISHMENTS, FEES OF OFFICERS ON. Minute and Letter Books of the Commissioners, returns from various offices of the Royal Household, reports, &c., 1836 to 1837.

HOUSE OF COMMONS RETURNS AND REPORTS. Printed returns of licences for theatres and dramatic pieces (1820 to 1832) and reports of Committees relative to laws affecting dramatic literature (1832) and compensation to officers of the House (1836).

ROYAL GARDENS, COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY, 1838. Minute and Letter Book, reports, &c.

EXPIRED COMMISSIONS, &c.—(continued).**Irish Reproductive Loan Fund (T. 91).**

1822 to 1874. 241 Vols. and Bundles. This fund originated in the subscriptions raised by the Committee of Relief formed in the City of London to aid the suffering poor in Ireland during the famine of 1822. The residue of these subscriptions was appropriated by the Committee to be lent at interest to the industrious poor of certain counties in the provinces of Connaught and Munster. The fund, which was controlled by a Board of Directors in London, who appointed trustees in the several Irish counties to manage the loans, was incorporated by letters patent on 4 June, 1844, but the Corporation was subsequently dissolved by Stat. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 115 and the property vested in the Crown.

The records consist of Minute Books, Loan Ledgers and other account books of the Local Associations and County Committees together with security note books, &c., letter books, correspondence and papers of the Directors, &c.

Revenue Inquiries (T. 92).

1765 to 1854. 260 Bundles. In this class have been brought together the records of the following commissions and committees of inquiry into the public revenues. The records consist of minutes, returns and reports together with original correspondence, letter books, registers of letters, minutes of evidence and miscellaneous papers.

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE, 1808.

COMMISSION ON CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, 1817.

COMMISSION ON SCOTTISH STAMPS, 1821.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION, 1821.

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMITTEE, 1828.

COMMISSION ON BOOK-KEEPING, 1829.

COMMISSION ON COLONIAL REVENUE, 1830.

COMMISSION ON COSTS OF COLLECTION, 1830.

COMMISSION ON EXCISE, 1833.

RETURNS TO ORDERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND UNIDENTIFIED RETURNS.

French Refugees' Relief Committee (T. 93).

1792 to 1828. 99 Bundles, &c. The persecution by the French Revolutionary party in 1792 drove large numbers of both the clergy and laity of France to seek refuge in England. Very many of these emigrants were on the brink of starvation and to relieve their distress voluntary subscriptions were set on foot, and between six and seven thousand persons were maintained for a period of fifteen months, when the government came to their aid with an annual grant of money which was continued for many years.

The subscriptions for the clergy and laity were at first distinct but were afterwards amalgamated and the distribution of the funds was regulated by a committee, under which the Bishop of St. Pol-de-Léon undertook the office of Almoner.

EXPIRED COMMISSIONS, &c.—(continued).**French Refugees' Relief Committee (T. 93)—(continued).**

The Books and Papers of this Committee consist of Accounts, Letter Books, Minute Books, Memorials, Pension Lists and Subsistence Accounts extending in date from about 1792 to 1806.

Included in this class are accounts and vouchers of the fund for French Protestant Refugees between the years 1813 and 1828. The relief of these refugees dates from the seventeenth century but until the year 1696 was provided out of the sovereign's privy purse and from private subscriptions. From 1696 to 1833 grants were made by the House of Commons.

West Indies Accounts Commission (T. 94).

1802 to 1809. 1 Bundle. Reports of the Commission appointed pursuant to Stat. 41 Geo. III, c. 22, to investigate the accounts of the British forces in the West Indies. Other records of the Commission are amongst the records of the Exchequer and Audit Office.*

Property Tax Commission (T. 95).

1803 to 1816. 1 Bundle. Minute Books and assessments on persons within the Treasury Department of the Commissioners acting under the Property Tax Acts of 43 Geo. III and later years.

Boundary Commission (T. 96).

1867. 19 Bundles., &c. Minute Book of the Boundary Commissioners appointed under the Representation of the People Act, 30 & 31 Vict., c. 102, with the reports of the Assistant Commissioners on the boundaries of boroughs and counties in England and Wales.

Expired Commissions, Various (T. 100).

1915. 1 Bundle containing the records of the Royal Commission on Civil Service Appointments.

RECORDS OF THE TREASURY SOLICITOR.

Appointments of a Solicitor or Solicitors to the Treasury have been made from the latter part of the seventeenth century onwards.* In 1876 (Stat. 39 & 40 Vict. c. 18) the Treasury Solicitor was constituted a corporation sole with capacity to hold real and personal property and to sue and be sued.

The following are the records of the office which have been transferred to the Public Record Office. They are not open to inspection without a permit from the Treasury Solicitor.

Letter Books :

Entry books of out-letters divided into the following classes.
Each volume is indexed.

Administration.

1839 to 1849. 11 Vols. These relate to the administration of the estates of intestates.

Home Office.

1841 to 1860. 6 Vols. Letters to the Home Office and others on legal and criminal business relating to that Department. See the **Registers** below.

Mint Prosecutions.

1859 to 1869. 10 Vols.

Treasury.

1806 to 1859. 59 Vols. See the **Registers** below.

Miscellaneous.

1813 to 1861. 41 Vols. These relate to a variety of matters not to be found in the other classes or of earlier dates than those for which they exist, such as administration of estates, War Office business, ecclesiastical matters such as the boundaries of parishes, burial grounds, lunatics, criminal matters, &c.

Registers of Correspondence :

Home Office.

1841 to 1858. 3 Vols. These refer to the **Home Office Letter Books** above. Each volume is indexed.

Treasury.

1856 to 1859. 3 Vols. These refer more particularly to the **Report Books** below but give occasional references to the **Letter Books**. Each volume is indexed.

Journals of Proceedings.

1828 to 1865. 38 Vols. These show briefly the proceedings taken in each matter and were apparently kept for the purpose of making out the Solicitor's bill of costs. Each volume is indexed.

* See the list of Treasury Solicitors in D. K. Report XIX, pp. 14, 15. The first appointment there noted was in 1688 but reference is made to a previous one.

Opinion Books.

1806 to 1856. 26 Vols. Entry books of cases with the opinions of the Law Officers of the Crown thereon. Each volume is indexed.

Report Books.

1806 to 1860. 45 Vols. Entry books of reports made to the Treasury by the Treasury Solicitor. Each volume is indexed ; see also the **Registers** above.

Reports Books, Admiralty.

1816 to 1868. 15 Vols. Similar entry books of reports made to the Admiralty and Navy Boards by the Solicitor to the Admiralty.

King's or Queen's Proctor :**Accounts.**

1845 to 1853. 17 Vols. Accounts of Francis Hart Dyke, Queen's Proctor, of expenses incurred in business done under the direction of the Treasury and other Government Departments.

Reports, Series I.

1804 to 1815. 65 Vols. of which the last is an index of the subjects and memorialists in the preceding volumes. Charles Bishop, King's Proctor.

Reports, Series II.

1815 to 1844. 76 Vols. Iltid Nicholl, King's (afterwards Queen's) Proctor.

The above are entry books of memorials in prize causes, intestacies, wills, &c. and papers connected therewith referred by the Treasury to the King's Proctor for consideration and report, together with the opinions given by H.M. Advocate General as to what is fit to be done therein.

Reports, Admiralty.

1801 to 1808 and 1854 to 1858. 3 Vols. Vol. 1 is an entry book of letters, memorials, &c., relating to slave ships captured as prize, the cases having been heard in Vice-Admiralty Courts abroad (1801 to 1808). Vols. 2 and 3 are entry books of Claims, &c., relating to prize and prize money, matters connected with the high seas, slaves, contraband, &c., referred by the Admiralty to the Queen's Proctor for report thereon (1854 to 1858).

Papers.

1584 to 1850. These are numbered 1 to 5,999 but many of the numbers have been withdrawn. Papers in the various legal proceedings dealt with by the Treasury Solicitor and King's Proctor. They relate to state trials as well as to escheats, administration cases and the like. Some general description of the class is given in D. K. Report XIV, pp. 4-6 and in subsequent Reports.

Calendar and Index. 4 Bundles, MS.

RECORDS OF THE WAR OFFICE.

The records now at the Public Record Office which come under this category formerly belonged to a number of independent offices whose final consolidation in the present War Office was not completed until the year 1870.*

Of these offices the oldest was the BOARD OF ORDNANCE whose records date from the year 1570. There was a Master of the King's Ordnance in the fifteenth century and probably earlier and under the Tudors the Ordnance appears as fully established at the Tower of London. In the reign of Charles II the Board of Ordnance was reorganised and its duties defined. Its functions were to supply both the army and navy with arms and ammunition and to provide and maintain barracks and fortifications. The president of the Board was the Master General of the Ordnance. By virtue of his office he was Commander-in-Chief of the artillery and engineers. In 1855, by Stat. 18 & 19 Vict., c. 117, the duties of the Board were transferred to the Secretary of State for the War Department and it ceased to exist as a separate office.

The office of SECRETARY-AT-WAR, which must be distinguished from the later one of Secretary of State for War, dates from the Restoration. On 28 January, 1661, Sir William Clarke, who held a similar office under the Commonwealth, was commissioned to be Secretary-at-War to all the forces raised or to be raised in England and Wales.† The Secretary-at-War appears to have been at first personally attendant upon the Commander-in-Chief of the forces but in course of time he rose to supreme importance and except in the matter of responsibility became practically a Secretary of State. His business was 'to communicate the King's pleasure in matters of military administration, to prepare for the King's signature and to countersign warrants on the authority of which the Treasury paid over to the Paymaster of the Forces the money voted by Parliament for the maintenance of the army.'‡ He saw that the regiments were kept up to their respective establishments, provided for the quartering of the soldiers, issued the marching orders, countersigned the officers' commissions and generally attended to the needs of the army in all matters of routine. It was not, however, until the year 1783 that his office was regulated by Statute when he was required to prepare the army estimates each year and was made responsible to Parliament for all matters of military finance and accounts. The appointment of a Secretary of State for War in 1794 and of a permanent Commander-in-Chief in the following year greatly undermined the importance of his office. In 1855 the Secretary of State for War was commissioned to perform the duties appertaining to the Secretary-at-War§ and in 1863 by Stat. 26 & 27 Vict., c. 12, the office of the latter was finally abolished.

* For a historical sketch of the War Office and its component departments see *The War Office List*, 1922, pp. 2-29.

† S.P. Dom. Chas. II, xxix, 56. While still in exile Charles II, in 1657, had commissioned Sir Edward Walker to be the clerk in attendance on the Council (or Committee of the Privy Council) for War (*War Office List*, 1922, p. 5).

‡ Anson, *Law and Custom of the Constitution* (3rd edit.), Vol. II, Part II, p. 193.

§ Patent Roll, 18 Vict., part 3 (No. 4988), No. 31.

The COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF was responsible for discipline and the enforcement of the military regulations. The series of letter books belonging to his department now preserved begins in the year 1765 but it was not until 1795 that a permanent Commander-in-Chief of the Army was appointed. This resulted in the dual control of the army, at first by the Secretary-at-War and afterwards by the Secretary of State at the War Office and the Commander-in-Chief at the Horse Guards, a state of affairs which an Order in Council of 4 June, 1870, was intended to meet. This declared, amongst other things, the complete subordination of the Commander-in-Chief to the Secretary of State.* The office of Commander-in-Chief was abolished in 1904.

As stated above the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT, who was eventually to become the head of all the different offices connected with the army, was first appointed in 1794. In 1801 the business of the Colonies was added to his department and so continued until the exigencies of the Russian or Crimean War in 1854 necessitated the appointment of a fourth Secretary of State to deal exclusively with colonial business. The records of the department during this period have been divided as far as practicable between the War Office and the Colonial Office. Since 1854 the two departments have remained distinct.

Among other formerly separate departments concerned with the administration of the army and military affairs and possessing records which are described below are :—

THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, the supreme officer responsible for the conduct of the prosecutions in courts martial throughout the whole army. He also acted as Secretary to the Board of General Officers and upon its abolition remained as legal adviser to the Commander-in-Chief.† The records of his office begin in 1668.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS first appointed in 1714 'was constituted to settle all financial disputes between the colonels, officers and soldiers of each regiment.' Among its other duties was the settlement of the order of precedence among the various regiments and it was chiefly responsible for the clothing of the army. This last was the only duty which remained to it after the re-organisation of the Commander-in-Chief's Office in 1793.‡ The Board was absorbed in the War Office in 1855.§

THE COMMISSARY GENERAL was responsible for the victualling of the army. His office was abolished in 1816 and between that year and 1854 the COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT was under the Treasury but in December of the latter year was transferred to the War Office.||

Prior to 1794 other documents relating to military affairs than those preserved amongst the records of the War Office will be found amongst the records of the State Paper Office, the Home Office, the Foreign Office and the Treasury and prior to 1855 of the Colonial Office.

The Pay Lists, Muster Rolls and Monthly Returns of the War Office are open to public inspection without any restriction as to date. Other records are open without special permit when fifty years old, excepting the Correspondence (W.O. 1-8) and the Commander-in-Chief's Memoranda Papers (W.O. 31), which are subject to censorship in the

* Anson, *op. cit.* Vol. II, Part II, p. 200.

† *The War Office List*, 1922, p. 10.

‡ *Ibid.*

§ Anson, *op. cit.*, Vol. II, Part II, p. 198.

|| *The War Office List*, 1922, pp. 9, 10.

case of documents less than seventy years old. A printed list of most of the classes of War Office records preserved at the Public Record Office* was issued in 1908 (Public Record Office Lists and Indexes, No. XXVIII).

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Correspondence of the Board of Ordnance, the Judge Advocate General and the Commissariat Department is described under those departments.

In-Letters (W.O. 1).

1732 to 1868. 1,138 Vols., &c. These consist of original dispatches, letters and papers addressed for the most part to the Secretary-at-War and for the later period to the Secretary of State for War. They are arranged under the various military stations and public departments from which they were sent. There are also three series of Miscellaneous Letters. Of these the first series contains letters relating amongst other matters to recruiting, prisoners of war, the Prince of Bouillon's accounts, Dutch troops, inventions and suggestions and the transport service mostly during the period of the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars. Series 2 and 3 are generally arranged alphabetically under the writers' names.

Between 1801 and 1855 letters on military matters to the Secretary of State for War and the Colonies will also be found in the class entitled **Colonies (General)** in the records of the **COLONIAL OFFICE**.

Indexes of Correspondence (W.O. 2).

1759 to 1858. 107 Vols. These contain for the most part brief abstracts or notes of letters in the Letter Books of the Secretary-at-War, the entries being usually either indexed or arranged in alphabetical or classified order. Many of the Letter Books to which they refer cannot be identified and probably do not now exist. The indexes are arranged under the following heads:—

GENERAL, 1792 to 1826. 31 Vols.

REGIMENTAL, 1759 to 1803. 7 Vols.

WARRANTS, 1791 to 1825. 3 Vols.

WAR OFFICE, 1782. 1 Vol. An entry book relative to the establishment of the office and its functions.

MISCELLANEOUS, 1803 to 1823. 11 Vols.

FOREIGN TROOPS, 1804 to 1827 and 1855 to 1858. 12 Vols.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, 1804 to 1825, 11 Vols. This is a register of in-letters with notes of proceedings thereon giving references to the out-letter books (**W.O. 4**. Nos. 350-400 *passim*).

MILITIA, Series 1, 1759 to 1831. 11 Vols.

MILITIA, Series 2, 1810 to 1816. 8 Vols.

MILITIA, Series 3, *circa* 1800 to 1815. 2 Vols.

LETTERS TO SOLDIERS, 1812 to 1816. 2 Vols. A register giving the dates of the letters, the names of the senders, their subject matter and the regiment and station with indexes of names.

* The Muster-books and Pay-lists, the papers in the 'Very Old Series' and 'Old Series,' the in-letters of the Board of Ordnance, the Judge Advocate General's records, and certain classes transferred to the Public Record Office since the issue of this list are not included.

CORRESPONDENCE—(continued).**Indexes of Correspondence (W.O. 2)**—(continued).

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT, 1806 to 1813. 3 Vols. A register of correspondence relative to accounts with an alphabetical index.

BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS, 1808 to 1816. 3 Vols. Two volumes of a journal or register of claims, in-letters, &c., with notes of proceedings thereon, together with a partial index.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, 1782 to 1793. 1 Vol. This contains references to entries in **W.O. 4**. Nos. 118 to 150 *passim* relative to non-effective services.

AGENT GENERAL OF MILITIA, 1803 to 1804. 1 Vol. An alphabetical index of officers' names with their ranks and references to books which have not been identified.

Out-Letters—Commander-in-Chief (W.O. 3).

1765 to 1868. 617 Vols. Entry books of the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant General, consisting of the following series:—

GENERAL LETTERS, Series 1, 1767 to 1800. 22 Vols.

GENERAL LETTERS, Series 2, 1765 to 1801. 11 Vols.

GENERAL LETTERS, Series 3, 1801 to 1857. 87 Vols.

LETTERS TO IRELAND, 1822 to 1868. 31 Vols.

LETTERS TO WAR OFFICE AND OTHER PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS, 1803 to 1857. 178 Vols. From August 1805 the letters to the War Office are in separate volumes.

LETTERS TO REGIMENTAL OFFICERS, 1800 to 1857. 180 Vols.

LETTERS RELATING TO DISCHARGES, 1825 to 1854. 23 Vols.

LETTERS RELATING TO MEDALS AND DISCHARGES, 1854 to 1857. 8 Vols.

LETTERS RELATING TO COURTS MARTIAL, 1833 to 1857. 28 Vols.

LETTERS RELATING TO STAFF APPOINTMENTS, 1804 to 1857. 9 Vols.

LETTERS RELATING TO ABSENT OFFICERS, 1796 to 1808. 1 Vol. Included in this volume is a list of men to serve abroad in commutation of punishment.

LETTERS TO CIVIL OFFICERS OF COUNTIES, 1804 to 1806. 1 Vol.

LETTERS TO OFFICERS ON FOREIGN STATIONS, 1805 to 1813. 3 Vols.

LETTERS TO OFFICERS AT RECRUITING STATIONS, 1804 to 1807. 1 Vol.

LETTERS RELATING TO RECRUITING, 1804 to 1813. 2 Vols.

LETTERS RELATING TO TRANSFER OF SOLDIERS, 1814 to 1817. 3 Vols.

LETTERS RELATING TO INVALIDS AND PENSIONS, 1815 to 1817. 2 Vols.

PRIVATE LETTERS, 1803 to 1821. *26 Vols. Entry books of letters of the Military Secretary of the Commander-in-Chief of a private or confidential nature.

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S LETTER BOOK, 1805 to 1806. 1 Vol. Only seven pages of this book have been written upon.

The volumes in this class are mostly indexed.

Out-Letters—Secretary-at-War (W.O. 4).

1684 to 1861. 1,053 Vols. These entry books consist of the following sub-divisions. The later volumes have been continued in the Secretary of State's Office.

GENERAL LETTERS, 1684 to 1858. 272 Vols.

CORRESPONDENCE—(continued).**Out-Letters—Secretary-at-War (W.O. 4)**—(continued).

LETTERS TO THE COLONIES AND PLACES ABROAD, 1730 to 1853. 71 Vols. These are divided into the following series. Many of the letters relative to the colonies and the forces abroad will be found in the general series above.

America, 1775 to 1810.

Canada, 1841 to 1852.

Colonies, 1847 to 1853.

Continent, 1793 to 1810.

East Indies, 1778 to 1810.

Foreign, 1810 to 1816.

Gibraltar and Mediterranean, 1730 to 1810.

Ireland, 1802 to 1814.

Minorca, 1775 to 1780.

West Indies, 1775 to 1805.

BARRACK DEPARTMENT, 1806 to 1810. 1 Vol.

CHAPLAIN GENERAL, 1810 to 1849. 5 Vols.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, 1795 to 1824. 51 Vols. These relate to accounts, out-pensions, miscellaneous and private matters. Many are addressed to army agents, paymasters and inspectors. Indexes to them will be found in **W.O. 2** described above.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, 1805 to 1810. 9 Vols.

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Ireland, 1854 to 1858.

Local Militia, 1812 to 1823.

Supplementary, 1796 to 1798.

Enlistments, 1854 to 1859.

Clothing, 1822 to 1831 and 1845 to 1854.

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Miscellaneous, Series 2, 1842 to 1851. Letters to Staff Officers of Pensioners.

Staff Officers, 1843 to 1850. Letters concerning appointments as Staff Officers of Pensioners and the like.

PRESS ACT, 1778 to 1784. 3 Vols. Correspondence relative to the execution of the Press Act of 18 Geo. III for recruiting the land forces and marines.

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CORRESPONDENCE—(continued).**Out-Letters—Secretary-at-War (W.O. 4)**—(continued).

PURVEYANCE (SMYRNA), 1855 to 1858. 3 Vols.

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With few exceptions the volumes in this class have alphabetical indexes and references to some of them will also be found in the indexes in **W.O. 2**.

Out-Letters—Marching Orders (W.O. 5).

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LORD WELLINGTON, 1809 to 1815. 11 Vols.

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CORRESPONDENCE—(continued).**Out-Letters—Departmental (W.O. 7).**

1715 to 1862. 130 Vols. Letter Books kept by the following departments :—

OFFICE FOR ARMY ACCOUNTS, 1786 to 1821 and 1856 to 1862. 23 Vols. Out-letters, reports, &c.

BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS, 1715 to 1854. 36 Vols. These relate to the clothing of the army, claims to 'off-reckonings' of regiments, supply of arms, &c. They contain entries of both in- and out-letters, miscellaneous reports, &c.

CHAPLAIN GENERAL, Series 1, 1810 to 1836. 6 Vols.

CHAPLAIN GENERAL, Series 2, 1808 to 1829. 7 Vols. The first 5 Vols. in Series 1 and the first vol. in Series 2 are the general out-letter books of the Chaplain General's Office. There is a letter book (No. 65) relating to the supply of bibles, prayer books, &c. to the troops (1825-1836); some rough note books (Nos. 67-69) of correspondence and business done (1810-1829); a register in tabular form of divine services held, with the names of the officiating chaplains and other particulars (1810-1817); and two letter books (Nos. 71, 72) of the Agent for the pay of the chaplains (1812-1828).

DEPOTS OF FOREIGN TROOPS, 1802 to 1817. 23 Vols. Entry books of out-letters from the depot at Lymington and afterwards at Harwich.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, 1781 to 1814. 14 Vols. Entries of out-letters.

AGENT GENERAL OF MILITIA, 1803 to 1817. 12 Vols. Entries of out-letters from the Office of the Agent General for the Militia and Defence Acts.

MUSTER MASTER GENERAL, 1716 to 1817. 9 Vols. Letter books of the Office of the Commissary General for Musters. Some of the earlier volumes contain entries of in-letters as well as of out-letters.

The volumes in this class are usually indexed.

Out-Letters—Ireland (W.O. 8).

1709 to 1823. 12 Vols. Entry books of the Muster Master General of Ireland of royal warrants and letters and warrants of the Lords Justices General and the General Governors of Ireland relative to the military establishment there. Each volume is indexed.

REGISTERS, &c.

Under this heading are here grouped certain classes of records composed in the main of nominal lists or of collected returns, certificates and the like dealing with individual persons. Although primarily of genealogical or personal interest, they are frequently of considerable importance for historical, economic or similar objects of research. Other classes of records of the like nature will be found under the headings of Ordnance, Judge Advocate General's and Commissariat Records.

Army Lists :

These are the official lists giving the names of the officers of the several regiments with the dates of their commissions, &c. They consist of the following classes :—

REGISTERS, &c.—(continued).**Army Lists**—(continued).**Manuscript (W.O. 64).**

1702 to 1816. 13 Vols. Regiment and Gradation lists for various years between 1702 and 1752 and an alphabetical list from 1755 to 1816.

Index. 1702 to 1752. 1 Vol.

Printed : Annual (W.O. 65).

1754 to 1879. 168 Vols. These have been officially posted up with MS. insertions and corrections. In addition to the regular series there are special lists of the forces in North America (1778), of British American half pay officers (1783) and of the Foreign Corps (1794 to 1802).

Index. 1754 to 1765. (Included in the preceding Index.)

Printed : Quarterly (W.O. 66).

1879 to 1900. 86 Vols.

Numerous army lists unofficially compiled from the Commission Books and other sources by the late Mr. Charles Dalton have been published : the most important of these are *English Army Lists and Commission Registers*, 1661-1714 (6 Vols. 1892-1904) and *George the First's Army*, 1714-1727 (2 Vols. 1910, 1912).

Artillery Records of Services, &c. (W.O. 69).

1756 to 1917. 788 Bundles and Vols. These are the records of the non-commissioned officers and men and consist of the following * :—

RECORDS OF SERVICES.

Each record gives the name, age, description, place of birth, trade and a statement with dates of the services and several promotions of the soldier with the dates of marriage and discharge or death. Included amongst the Records are the original Attestation Papers. The indexes usually show where a man has been transferred to another battalion or brigade, and in such cases his record will be found under his number in that at date of discharge or death, and the index to that battalion, &c. must be searched. The Records are arranged as follows, the dates being approximate only and usually those of enlistment or attestation :—

Royal Horse Artillery, 1803 to 1863. *Indexes*, 4 Vols. MS.

Royal Horse Artillery, Non-Effectives, Depot, 1840 to 1876.

Index, 1 Vol. MS.

Royal Horse Artillery, Non-Effectives, Brigades, 1850 to 1876.

Indexes, 8 Vols. MS.

Royal Artillery Battalions, 1791 to 1855. *Indexes*, 39 Vols. MS.

Royal Artillery, Non-Effectives, Depot, 1830 to 1876. *Indexes*, 4 Vols. MS.

Royal Artillery, Non-Effectives, Brigades, 1850 to 1877. *Indexes*, 35 Vols. MS.

* Many of the documents in this class described below, more particularly the Records of Services of Non-Effectives, with the accompanying indexes, are at present at Chelsea Hospital.

REGISTERS, &c.—(continued).**Artillery Records of Services, &c. (W.O. 69)—(continued).****RECORDS OF SERVICES—(continued).**

Royal Artillery, Non-Effectives, Divisions, 1875 to 1877. *Indexes*, 2 Vols. MS.

Royal Artillery, Gunners Additional, Remounts and Riding Establishment, 1807 to 1888.

Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, Non-Effectives, 1877 to 1882. *Indexes*, R.H.A. 3 Vols. MS.; R.F.A. 6 Vols. MS.; Posting Books, 2 Vols. MS. (These show the Brigade in the R.H.A. or R.F.A. to which a man has been posted. His services should then be searched in the index of that Brigade.)

DESCRIPTION BOOKS.

These are similar to those described amongst the **Ordnance Registers (W.O. 54)** (*see below* p. 190) and in some cases fill up gaps in that series. They include the following:—

Royal Horse Artillery, 1776 to 1821. 4 Vols., entered alphabetically.

Royal Artillery, 1773 to 1874. 7 Vols., of which 3 are indexed.

Royal Artillery, Drivers, 1794 to 1815. 3 Vols., entered alphabetically.

REGISTERS OF MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS.

Extracts of the original entries or certificates giving the wife's name, date and place of marriage, children's names and dates of birth and baptism, &c. Each volume is indexed.

Royal Artillery, 1817 to 1877. 31 Vols.

Royal Horse Artillery, 1848 to 1883. 12 Vols.

REGISTERS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

An incomplete series for the Royal Artillery consisting of 17 Vols. extending in date from 1821 to 1873. They give the date, place and cause of death and the amount of the effects. Indexed or alphabetically entered.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

These comprise some records of transfer of men to the Army Reserve, &c., a few pensions registers, attestation papers, defaulters' sheets and discharge papers of Gun Lascars (1824 to 1884), entry book of appointments of shoeing smiths, collar-makers and wheelers (1846 to 1858), registers of dead or discharged drivers (1812 to 1821), description book of the Royal Irish Artillery (1756 to 1774), miscellaneous correspondence, &c.

Chelsea Registers, &c. (W.O. 23).

1805 to 1895. 123 Vols. This class comprises the following:—

REPORTS AS TO INVALIDS ADMITTED TO PENSION, 1830 to 1844. 16 Vols. These give the age and period of service in each rank, the place of birth and intended place of residence of each pensioner, the cause of rejection, rate of pension and other particulars. From 1836 onwards each volume is indexed.

EAST INDIAN RETURNS OF PENSIONERS, 1849 to 1868. 4 Vols. These give similar information to the foregoing including the trade of each pensioner, his description, &c.

REGISTERS, &c.—(continued).**Chelsea Registers, &c. (W.O. 23)—(continued).**

RETURNS OF EAST INDIA COMPANY'S PENSIONERS, 1814 to 1875.
3 Vols. Give the corps and rank, the date of admission to pension, the district in which the pensioner resides, with notes as to death, &c.

REGISTER OF GREENWICH HOSPITAL NAVAL PENSIONS, 1868 to 1870. 1 Vol. consisting of the bound pension warrants in the form of lists of seamen, marines, &c., with their ages, the pensions awarded, districts in which residing, &c.

REGISTER OF PENSIONS TO MILITIA AND YEOMANRY, 1821 to 1829.
1 Vol. Tables giving names and ages of pensioners, length of service, how invalided, &c.

CHELSEA REGISTERS, 1805 to 1895. 98 Vols. These include registers of pensioners arranged under regiments; of retired full pay and pay of general officers; of half pay and non-effective pay; pensions for the Victoria Cross, wounds, &c.; superannuation allowances, widows' pensions, compassionate allowances and bounty, &c., with summaries from 1805 to 1895.

Depot Description Books (W.O. 67).

1768 to 1908. 34 Vols. These give descriptions of the individual soldiers (height, colour of hair and eyes, &c.) with their dates and places of birth, trades, promotions in the service and how they became non-effective. The class comprises the following regiments:—

Scots Guards, 1768 to 1830.

Various Foot Regiments between the 8th and the 84th Foot, 1806 to 1892.

Durham Light Infantry, 1773 to 1906.

Warwickshire Regiment, 1890 to 1908.

South Wales Borderers, 1881 to 1897.

Commissariat Staff Corps, 1859 to 1868.

Military Train, 1837 to 1868.

Included in the class are Returns of Officers' Services (with Succession lists) of the Gloucester Regiment, 1792 to 1866. These are of the same nature as the similar Returns elsewhere described in this volume, with particulars as to marriage and children.

Establishments (W.O. 24).

1661 to 1846. 892 Vols. These are royal sign manual warrants, or copies thereof, authorising the establishments of the various regiments both of the regular army and the militia and also of the military forces in the American Plantations and the Colonies, the East Indies, Gibraltar, &c. They set out the numbers of each rank, the pay for the period covered and the estimated cost of wagons, forage, provisions, &c. The class has been very largely made up of transfers from the Treasury and the Audit Office. It includes in addition the establishments for Half Pay (1713 to 1824), the Compassionate List (1779 to 1812) and Pensions to Officers' Widows (1713 to 1829), giving the names in each case.

REGISTERS, &c.—(continued).**Royal Garrison Regiment (W.O. 19).**

1901 to 1906. 9 Vols. This class consists of the following records :—

OFFICERS' SERVICES, 1901 to 1905. 5 Vols. These give, in addition to the services, particulars as to the age, qualifications and marriage of each officer, with the dates of his children's births. They contain also Succession lists. *Indexed.*

DIGESTS OF SERVICES OF THE 3RD AND 4TH REGIMENTS, 1901 to 1905. 2 Vols. Diaries of the proceedings of each regiment.

CASUALTIES, 1904 to 1906. 1 Vol. giving the date and nature of each casualty.

POSTING BOOK, 1903 to 1906. 1 Vol. Alphabetical index of men posted to other regiments from the Royal Garrison Regiment, giving the dates of enlistment and the corps to which posted.

Militia Records (W.O. 68).

1778 to 1919. 449 Vols., &c. Records of disbanded militia regiments in Great Britain and Ireland consisting of the following :—

Enrolment Books, Description Books, Pay Lists and other nominal rolls of the men.

Returns of Officers' Services similar to those in other classes.

Order Books, general and regimental.

Correspondence, original and entry books of.

Casualty Books.

Weekly States, Monthly Returns, &c. giving statistical particulars.

Digests of Regimental Services or histories of the several regiments.

Courts Martial books and records of the Hampshire (1792 to 1808), the North York (1793 to 1855) and the Tower Hamlets (1813 to 1825) Militia regiments.

Muster Books and Pay Lists.

These are the chief means of tracing a man's service in the Army provided that his regiment is known. Manuscript or typed lists of the books will be found in the Search Room. They are divided into the following classes :—

Artillery (W.O. 10).

1708 to 1878. 2,876 Vols.

Engineers (W.O. 11).

1816 to 1878. 432 Vols.

General (W.O. 12).

1732 to 1878. 13,305 Vols. This class includes the Household troops, the Cavalry, Guards and the regular infantry regiments of the line and in addition such special regiments or corps as the Royal Wagon Train, the Army Hospital Corps, the Commissariat Staff and Transport Corps, the Army Service Corps, the Medical Staff Corps, the Veteran battalions and companies, Garrisons, Invalid regiments, &c.; colonial troops such as the African Corps, Canadian Fencibles and Rifles, Cape Mounted Rifles, Gold Coast Corps, West India regiments, &c.; various foreign legions and troops; general states and musters of regimental and other depots, &c.

REGISTERS, &c.—(continued).**Muster Books and Pay Lists—(continued).****Militia and Volunteers (W.O. 13).**

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1854 to 1856. 102 Vols., &c. Muster rolls, nominal rolls, records of service and attestations of the British German and Swiss Legions, including a regimental court martial register.

New Series (W.O. 16).

1878 to 1898. 3,046 Vols. This continues the general series, including also the Artillery and Engineers.

Officers' Services, Records of (W.O. 76).

1722 to 1919. 356 Vols. These come from the military record offices at Canterbury, Chatham, Cork, Exeter, Hamilton, Hounslow, Hythe, Lichfield, Perth, Preston, Shrewsbury, Warwick, Winchester and York and relate to regiments and corps affiliated to those offices at different periods for purposes of records. They are similar to the returns described below amongst the **Registers Various**, which they largely supplement and continue.

Pension Returns (W.O. 22).

1842 to 1883. 300 Vols. Periodical returns of pensions paid or payable bound up in volumes and arranged under the various districts in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, &c., and in India, the Colonies and certain foreign stations. They include returns of out-pensioners of Chelsea and Greenwich Hospitals and of those belonging to the East India Company, returns of mercantile marine pensioners and annual mortality returns showing the number of deaths at different ages. In addition to the statistical information which these returns supply they are useful for tracing changes of residence and dates of death of individual pensioners.

Volunteer and Territorial Records (W.O. 70).

1860 to 1912. 21 Vols. A few Muster Rolls and Battalion Order Books of some of the Middlesex and County of London regiments.

Registers, Various (W.O. 25).

1660 to 1882. 3,250 Vols. and Bundles. This class comprises the following:—

COMMISSION BOOKS, SERIES I, 1660 to 1873. 88 Vols. These are entry books giving, except in the case of general officers whose commissions are usually entered in full, the date of commission, rank and regiment of each officer and the fees due. Most of the volumes are indexed.

REGISTERS, &c.—(continued).**Registers, Various (W.O. 25)**—(continued).

COMMISSION BOOKS, SERIES 2, 1728 to 1818. 33 Vols. These give similar abstracts to the foregoing including the name of the person signing or countersigning the commission or warrant and the date of entry with the Commissary General. From 1760 to 1805 the pages in these books are referred to in the Commission Ledgers, to which there are indexes, both ledgers and indexes being comprised in this series (Nos. 112-117). The series includes also a volume of copies of commissions notified in the Gazette but not entered in the office, 1719 to 1725 and 1783 to 1800 (No. 119).

NOTIFICATION BOOKS, 1708 to 1848. 87 Vols. Entry books of letters from the Secretary-at-War to one of the Secretaries of State notifying grants by the crown of commissions and requesting that the same be prepared. In addition to the ordinary promotions to commissioned rank the notifications include appointments of military governors, adjutants general, quartermasters general and the like. The volumes are usually indexed. Included in the series is a register of surgeons recommended for appointment, 1805 to 1808 (No. 207) and a register of the appointment of purveyors' clerks, 1810 to 1811 (No. 208).

SUCCESSION BOOKS, GENERAL, SERIES 1, 1754 to 1808. 12 Vols. Entries of appointments of officers under regiments showing their predecessors and the cause of the appointment.

SUCCESSION BOOKS, GENERAL, SERIES 2, 1773 to 1807. 12 Vols. These give similar information but are not entered under regiments. They have been compiled from the Notification and Succession Books, Gazettes, &c., and are indexed.

CHAPLAINS, 1805 to 1843. 26 Vols. Entries of payments made to army chaplains. They are usually indexed or the entries are made alphabetically. There are also 3 Vols. of certificates of divine services held giving the names of the officiating chaplains and the average attendances, 1817 to 1843 (Nos. 256-258).

MEDICAL, 1809 to 1855. 7 Vols. and Bundles. These include returns of medical staffs in Great Britain, the Peninsula, France, &c., 1811 to 1818; returns of sick and wounded at the hospital at Woolwich, 1809 to 1852; and nurses' applications and testimonials, 1854 to 1855.

DESCRIPTION AND SUCCESSION BOOKS, REGIMENTAL, 1756 to 1878. 423 Vols. These are books for each regiment setting out the men's names in alphabetical order or with an index. They give a description of each man, his age, place of birth, civil occupation and service. Succession lists of officers are included in this series.

STAFF PAY BOOKS, &c., 1792 to 1870. 14 Vols. Entries of orders for payments to officers, reference books to pay and warrant books, &c., and lists of staff officers. Some are indexed or in alphabetical order.

STAFF RETURNS, 1792 to 1856. 41 Vols. Returns of Staff in Great Britain and Ireland, the Colonies and at foreign stations showing the period of service and pay due. In the case of death they give the value of the officer's credits and effects.

REGISTERS, &c.—(continued).**Registers, Various (W.O. 25)—(continued).**

RETURNS OF OFFICERS' SERVICES, 1809 to 1873. 127 Vols. and Bundles. Returns made at various periods as below. They all give the different ranks held by the officer and his services but vary somewhat in the personal particulars they contain :—

1809 to 1810. 5 Bundles alphabetically arranged.

1828. 31 Vols. These give the officer's age, the date and place of his marriage and the names and dates of birth of his children. Arranged alphabetically. *Index*, 1 Vol. MS.

1829. 26 Vols. These give similar information to the foregoing but are arranged under regiments.

1829 to 1831. 2 Bundles. Letters from officers on half-pay with regard to the commutation of the same. Arranged alphabetically but containing only the letters D.—G. and M.—R.

1847. 16 Vols. Services of retired officers. Arranged alphabetically. These give the age, date and cause of retirement and fitness for further service, number of children, &c.

1867 to 1869. 1 Bundle. Miscellaneous returns.

1870. 16 Bundles.

1871. 14 Bundles.

1872. 15 Bundles.

The last three are arranged under regiments. They give the date and place of marriage, dates of birth and baptism of children, &c.

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SERVICE RETURNS, No. 1. 250 Vols. Statement of the periods of service of all non-commissioned officers and men and of those who were liable to serve abroad on 24 June, 1806. The names are entered alphabetically under their respective regiments.

SERVICE RETURNS, No. 3. 11 Vols. Return of non-commissioned officers and men not actually known to be dead or to be totally disqualified for military service who were discharged or ceased to belong to their respective corps between 1783 and 1810. These give similar information to the foregoing and are similarly entered.

RETURNS OF SOLDIERS' SERVICES, 1828 to 1833. 13 Vols. Papers in connexion with an investigation into certain alleged frauds made in the Description Books, &c., in computing services for pensions and in accounting for regimental contingency allowances. Vol. 1 (No. 1,132) contains an index of regiments in the thirteen volumes.

EMBARKATION RETURNS, 1758 to 1871. 32 Bundles. Arranged chronologically. They give the names of the ships and the number of the men embarked, usually with the names of the officers.

DISEMBARKATION RETURNS, 1830 to 1871. 19 Bundles. Arranged similarly to the foregoing and giving similar information.

MUSTER MASTER GENERAL'S INDEX OF CASUALTIES, &c., 1797 to 1817. 163 Vols. Entry books for each regiment; &c., giving the names in alphabetical order, the date and nature of each casualty and the men's credits.

REGISTERS, &c.—(continued).**Registers, Various (W.O. 25)**—(continued).

CASUALTY RETURNS, 1809 to 1857. 1,052 Vols. These are monthly and quarterly returns for the most part of regiments but partly of districts and depots. They give the name, rank, place of birth, trade before enlistment, the date, place and nature of the casualty, the debts and credits of the soldier and the next of kin or legatee. Included with the returns are wills and copies of wills of deceased soldiers, inventories of their effects, letters from relatives, &c., and statements of accounts. There is a volume relating to the casualties amongst the prisoners of war at Valenciennes, 1805 to 1813 (No. 2409).

Indexes. 345 Vols. (*Index Nos.* 7,880-8,223.) Alphabetical indexes by regiments giving the date of the particular return in which any casualty will be found. They also give the trade and birthplace of the soldier and usually a brief note of the disposal of his case. There is one volume of index of districts (*Index No.* 8,222) and an Index of Waterloo and other medals (*Index No.* 8,223).

INDEX TO REGIMENTAL LOSSES, 1805 to 1817. 150 Vols. These are alphabetical indexes for the several regiments of the names of the officers and men claiming for losses suffered on various services. They show the amount allowed, the number of the voucher and the particular service on which the loss was suffered. They give occasional references to the Letter Books relating to Claims of the Board of General Officers (**W.O. 7.** 41-50, *see* p. 170) and to the Report Books on Claims (**W.O. 30.** 5-10, *see* p. 184).

DESERTERS, 1799 to 1852. 56 Vols. Entry books under regiments of deserters giving description and age, dates and places of enlistment and desertion and how disposed of, 1811 to 1852; Deserter Record Books or Register of Commitments giving the regiment, date of committal, place of confinement, &c., with references to the correspondence, 1813 to 1848 (*Index*, 1813 to 1833, 3 Vols.); a list of deserters surrendered under Proclamation, 1803 to 1815; and weekly returns of prisoners on the *Savoy Hulk*, giving the corps, nature of offence, when received on board and the sentence, 1799 to 1823.

APPRENTICES SURRENDERED, 1806 to 1835. 1 Vol. List of recruits claimed as apprentices and given up until the expiry of their indentures.

DEATHS AND EFFECTS, 1810 to 1859. 16 Vols. These generally give the regiment, date of death and amount of the effects of the officer or man with the name of the applicant to deal with the same.

No. 2,971 is a register of authorities to the Surveyor of the Guards for repairs to furniture and fittings, 1812 to 1816.

HALF PAY AND RETIRED PAY, 1712 to 1870. 41 Vols. These include estimates with names of officers and rates of half pay, lists of officers on half pay with dates of commissions, registers of warrants for retired pay and half pay, lists of deceased officers on retired or half pay with dates of death, entry books of replies to a circular addressed to half pay officers as to their fitness for active service (1854, letters D to Z), register of commutations of

REGISTERS, &c.—(continued).**Registers, Various (W.O. 25)—(continued).**

half pay, and register of payments made abroad for half-pay pensions, &c.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS AND BOUNTY, 1735 to 1856. 106 Vols. and Bundles. Register of payments to widows of full pay officers, 1735 to 1811; the like to widows of half pay officers, 1755 to 1778; cash and remittance books, 1762 to 1812; register of warrants for payment of pensions and bounties, 1815 to 1856 (indexed); abstracts of applications for allowances to officers' relatives, with a brief statement of the case, children's names and ages, &c., 1807 to 1825 (entered alphabetically); application papers for pensions and bounties, with marriage certificates, &c., 1744 to 1821 (arranged alphabetically); registers of pensions, claims, compassionate allowances, &c., 1773 to 1851; indexes to pension ledgers, 1738 to 1811; &c.

MISCELLANEOUS PENSIONS, 1795 to 1856. 12 Vols. Registers of warrants for military pensions, of gratuities, &c.; medical reports on cases; register of East India Company's pensioners, 1824 to 1856; &c.

CONTINGENCIES AND EXTRAORDINARIES, 1684 to 1832. 42 Vols. These comprise registers of warrants for payments for extraordinary services—(a) General, 1688 to 1700, 1712 to 1713, 1796 to 1832; (b) Ireland, 1684 to 1730—and entry books of payments, 1782 to 1830 (generally indexed).

COMMISSARY GENERAL OF MUSTERS, 1704 to 1794. 16 Vols. Register of warrants for leave of absence, &c. (indexed).

RECRUITS, 1744 to 1856. 8 Vols. Registers of names with the places of abode and when and where delivered for the years 1744, 1745, 1758 and 1816 to 1826; monthly returns giving numbers recruited for each regiment, 1847 to 1856; and a register of recruits in the German Legion, 1803 to 1808, giving the name, age and height of each and the date of approval.

MILITIA, 1816 to 1824. 2 Vols. Payment books giving the several establishments, with accounts and estimates and the names of the officers.

MISCELLANEOUS LISTS AND RETURNS, 1684 to 1886. 45 Vols., &c. These include notes, estimates, &c., of military establishments, garrisons, musters, &c; returns of absences and permissions to live abroad; lists of officers with the British Army in India, 1796 to 1841; reports of officers' marriages, giving names and ages of officers and their wives and other particulars, 1830 to 1882 (indexed); and reports, with letters, papers and plans, relating to the defence of Ireland, 1801 to 1886.

MISCELLANEA.**Accounts (W.O. 9).**

1679 to 1865. 48 Vols. and Bundles. A miscellaneous collection of accounts and documents subsidiary thereto comprising the following:—

GENERAL. Abstracts of pay to the Army in Ireland, 1679 to 1688; regulations as to military accounts, 1807 to 1814; estimates for out-pensions of Mercantile Marine, 1865; &c.

MISCELLANEA—(continued).**Accounts (W.O. 9)—(continued).**

MILITIA, 1760 to 1822. Journals of issues, register of warrants for pay, &c.

CANADIAN MILITIA, 1837 to 1850. Accounts, warrants, reports and papers subsidiary to accounts; papers relating to claims for losses.

YEOMANRY, 1831 to 1839. Ledgers, including one relating to Ireland.

JOHN MOFFATT'S ESTATE, 1806, 1807. Accounts of Blenheim and Cranbrooke plantations, Jamaica.

Army Purchase Commission Papers (W.O. 74).

1871 to 1901. 95 Bundles and Vols. Books and papers of the Commissioners appointed under the Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871 (Stat. 34 & 35 Vict., c. 86), and consequent upon the abolition by royal warrant of 20 July, 1871, of the sale and purchase of commissions in the Army, to ascertain the value of every saleable commission and to award every officer holding such a commission at the date when the warrant came into force and afterwards retiring from the Army the sums provided by the said Act. They consist of the following:—

OFFICERS' PAPERS. 82 Bundles. Original applications from officers with certificates of services annexed, correspondence from the Military Secretary of the Commander-in-Chief relative thereto, memoranda as to the sums awarded, &c.

Index. 1 Vol. MS.

REGISTER OF SERVICE AND ESTIMATED VALUE OF COMMISSIONS. 6 Vols. This sets out under each regiment the name of every officer holding a commission on 1 Nov., 1871, the date of his commission in each grade, his period of service at home and abroad, and the sums allowable on his commission at the said date, with notes as to his retirement, the sum he received thereon, &c. There is a separate volume for officers on half pay.

ACCOUNTS, 1874 to 1895. 5 Vols. Ledger, &c., of general accounts, personal accounts of officers with the Commission, awards to officers on retirement, &c.

MINUTES, 1887 to 1901. 2 Vols. Rough notes of proceedings, *indexed.*

Head Quarters Records (W.O. 28).

1746 to 1864. 291 Bundles and Vols. These comprise the following:—

AMERICA, 1746 to 1785. One bundle of muster rolls and copies of proceedings of the General Assembly of Connecticut relative to military dispositions, 1746 to 1747; nine bundles of original letters, returns, memorials, &c., from field-officers and others in America to the Adjutant General or Deputy Adjutant General in Canada, 1775 to 1785.

LILLE, 1798. Entry book of orders and other records relative to British prisoners of war at Lille, with returns of prisoners, &c.

MISCELLANEA—(continued).**Head Quarters Records (W.O. 28)**—(continued).

CALAIS, 1815 to 1818. Original letters to (28 bundles) and entry books of letters from (7 vols.) the Assistant Quartermaster General at Calais relative to the establishment there for the communications between the British Army of Occupation and England.

CRIMEA, 1854 to 1856. Entry books of general, divisional, brigade and regimental orders and memoranda and bound volumes of general and district orders; letter and précis books of Head Quarters and of various divisions, brigades, &c.; registers and extracts of courts martial; requisition, embarkation and other miscellaneous books (114 vols.). Reports and papers relating to the various divisions, the cavalry, engineers, transport, medical and commissariat services, prisoners of war, &c.; topographical reports; Adjutant General and Quartermaster General's papers; materials for Colonel Wetherall's history; &c. (39 Bundles).

CRIMEA, ARMY WORKS CORPS, 1855 to 1864. 66 Vols., &c. Paymasters' ledgers, receipts for wages and gratuities, pay and cash books, registers of officers, clerks, foremen and men, &c.

GENERAL ORDERS, 1826 to 1857. 26 Vols. Copies or extracts of Orders issued at the various headquarters abroad bound up according to the several countries.

Inspection Returns (W.O. 27).

1750 to 1857. 475 Vols., &c. These consist for the most part of the filled-in printed inspection forms giving the general report on the condition of each regiment, the numbers of the men, the names of officers present and absent, &c., together with confidential reports.

Memoranda Papers, Commander-in-Chief (W.O. 31).

1793 to 1870. 1,565 Bundles. The Commander-in-Chief's memoranda of appointments, promotions, &c., filed with the original applications for the same, including applications for exchange or permission to resign, and letters of commanding officers, army agents, &c., forwarding the same. The papers occasionally include statements of service, certificates of baptism and the like. The general series is bundled chronologically under the dates when the appointments or promotions were gazetted.

In addition to the general series, the class includes schedules from Ireland, 1801 to 1859, and schedules and memorials from the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, the East Indies, Jamaica and other military commands abroad, 1804 to 1844, containing similar applications and papers.

Miscellaneous Papers (W.O. 32).

1855 to 1912. 260 Bundles. These are documents selected for permanent preservation from various series of registered papers at the War Office. They consist of reports, memorials, law officers' opinions, certificates and the like dealing with a great variety of subjects, of which the following is a representative selection:—

VOLUNTEERS, 1859 to 1908. General legal questions—circulars—model rules—history, precedence, &c., of the Honourable Artillery

MISCELLANEA—(continued).**Miscellaneous Papers (W.O. 32)**—(continued).

Company—rights, powers and liabilities of officers and men—Volunteer Decoration—Long Service Medal—titles of corps—formation, &c., of particular corps—calling out of volunteers for home defence—medical officers and chaplains—rifle ranges—civilian rifle clubs—school cadet corps.

MILITIA AND YEOMANRY, 1862 to 1908. Training stations—reserve—reorganisation proposals—medals—commissions—warrants—disbandment of units—conditions of service—pay—purchase of buildings—status, privileges, &c., of officers—artillery—Channel Islands.

OLD WHITEHALL PAPERS, 1855 to 1889. Military attachés' reports on operations of foreign armies and on various foreign wars—Crimean campaign—Fenian disturbances, movements of troops—purchase of sites for mobilisation centres.

OBsolete SERIES, 1857 to 1912. Royal Patriotic Fund—Tower of London armoury, records, &c.—Royal Victoria Patriotic School and the Charity Commissioners—Duke of York's School—Royal Military Academy—Royal Military College—Staff College—Royal Hibernian Military School—Chelsea Hospital—Kilmainham Hospital—Netley Hospital—School of Military Engineering—School of Gunnery—National Rifle Association—Military Knights of Windsor, selection, uniform, &c., of—Yeomen of the Guard—Gentlemen-at-Arms.

Inter-departmental claims—civilian clerks—military attachés—Colonial allowances—medical schools—questions arising from the Army Estimates—Drouly Fund—compilation of Army List—grants of medals—lunatic soldiers—billets—Audit queries—Appropriation Acts—maps—Intelligence Department—War Office library—balloons—Brennan torpedo—submarine mining—War Office establishment—promotion in the Army—Egyptian and Sudan campaigns—control of War Department lands—clothing and dress questions—inventions—salutes—superannuation—widows' pensions—soldiers' effects—military telegraphs—Geneva Convention—Army Purchase Commission—Reserve of Officers—Distinguished Service Order—rewards, &c., for foreign languages—Jubilee of Queen Victoria—South African War Commission—Commander-in-Chief and Head Quarters staffs, &c.—State ceremonies—aid of civil power—manœuvres—&c., &c.

Descriptive List. 1 Vol., typed.

Miscellany Books (W.O. 26).

1670 to 1817. 42 Vols. Entry books of royal warrants countersigned by the Secretary-at-War relating to the formation, recruiting and disbandment of regiments and companies, for the assignment of moneys for various military purposes and the like; of regulations made by the Board of General Officers for the clothing of the forces; and of letters and reports to the Secretary-at-War serving as precedents. The entries, more particularly for the earlier period, do not appear to have been made with any regularity, and there is some overlapping in dates of the volumes, most of which are alphabetically indexed.

MISCELLANEA—(continued).**Monthly Returns (W.O. 17).**

1759 to 1865. 2,810 Bundles and Vols. These show the distribution of each regiment at home and abroad, and its effective strength in all ranks, with the names of all commissioned officers present and absent. They give general particulars as to the health of the regiment and the date of death of any officer dying within the month and the numbers of men discharged for any cause. From 1866 onwards the information contained in them has been abstracted and printed in the Annual Returns of the Army presented to Parliament and the original returns are not permanently preserved.

Monthly Returns : Distribution of the Army (W.O. 73).

1859 to 1912. 92 Vols. These are printed summarised returns bound in volumes and showing the distribution of the Army month by month (*a*) by divisions and stations and (*b*) by regiments in numerical order. They give the station of each battalion or company, whether accommodated in barracks or otherwise, the numbers of officers and rank and file present or absent, and other statistical information.

Prince Imperial Deed (W.O. 29).

1879. 1 Box. Deed verifying the official identification of the body of the Prince Imperial under the seals of a notary public and the Colonial Secretary of Natal, with the notary's letter.

Selected Unnumbered Papers (W.O. 40).

1753 to 1815. 32 Bundles. Original in-letters, reports, papers, &c., of the Secretary-at-War's Department selected for permanent preservation. They relate to such matters as allowances, America, Army agents, Army List, barracks, billeting, Canada, canteens, chaplains, Chelsea Hospital, clothing, commissions, courts martial, enlistment, establishment, Fencibles, Gibraltar, Gordon riots, hospitals, India, Ireland, Medical Department, Militia, Mutiny Act, pensions, pioneers, prisoners of war, recruiting, stores, telegraphs, tolls (exemptions from), vaccination, Volunteers, West Indies, Yeomanry, &c., &c.

Subject Index, typed.

Selected 'A' Papers (W.O. 41).

1810 to 1822. Papers 75 Bundles and Registers 23 Vols. The 'A' papers consist of original in-letters, &c., relating to accounts. Those selected for preservation deal chiefly with payments for prisoners of war, Militia, Yeomanry and Volunteers. The original registers of these papers, giving the subject matter of each with notes as to its disposal, are preserved.

Selected 'V.O.S.' and 'O.S.' Papers.

The 'Very Old Series' consisted of the miscellaneous correspondence of the Secretary-at-War's Office between the years 1817 and 1827, and the 'Old Series' was its continuation from 1827 to 1857. The correspondence, consisting mainly of original in-letters with their enclosures, dealt with a great variety of

MISCELLANEA—(continued).**Selected 'V.O.S.' and 'O.S.' Papers**—(continued).

subjects, such as those already mentioned in connexion with other miscellaneous classes of weeded papers amongst the records of the War Office. Those selected for preservation in these two series are now divided into the two following classes :—

Certificates of Birth (W.O. 42).

1755 to 1908. 73 Bundles. Certificates of birth, baptism, marriage and death, with wills, administrations and other personal papers of officers and their families. They have been arranged alphabetically, and to those taken from the above described series have been added eight bundles of similar certificates from other classes extending in date between the years 1755 and 1908.

Indexes. British Officers, 1776 to 1881. 1 Vol. MS. German Legion; French, Swiss, Italian and Greek Corps; Loyal American and Canadian Corps; 1776 to 1881. 1 Vol. MS. Miscellaneous, 1755 to 1908. 1 Vol. typed.

Miscellaneous (W.O. 43).

1809 to 1857. 107 Bundles. This class contains the papers other than the foregoing certificates selected for preservation. It includes all important correspondence, minutes and decisions on questions of pay, allowances, pensions, rations, clothing, &c.

Printed reports on the weeding of these two series were issued by the War Office in 1904 and 1906, and to each of them is appended an alphabetical subject index of the papers preserved.

Miscellanea—Various (W.O. 20).

1684 to 1902. 104 Vols., &c. The following are the principal contents of this class :—

ATTORNEY, LETTERS OF, REGISTER OF, 1755 to 1783. The volume includes entries of letters of administration by officers' widows.

CIRCULARS, &c., 1828 to 1834.

CLAIMS, 1793 to 1858. These include (a) a register of warrants issued in respect of losses (1793 to 1809); (b) reports on claims for losses in Spain and Portugal and on various services (1807 to 1826); for the names of individual soldiers to whom awards were made see the indexes to regimental losses in **W.O. 25** (page 178 above); (c) a register of claims by men of the Land Transport Corps (1857 to 1858).

CLOTHING, register of papers relating to, 1753 to 1794. These papers include a royal warrant of 19 Dec., 1768, concerning the clothing of the whole army, with full descriptions.

COURTS MARTIAL, 1684 to 1847. Register of warrants (26 vols.), with some volumes of proceedings, observations, &c.

GERMAN TROOPS, manoeuvres of, 1764 to 1785.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S EXPEDITION TO HOLLAND, 1799, orders relating to.

HONG KONG REGIMENT, 1892 to 1902. Permanent and regimental order books.

HYTHE CANAL, 1844 to 1851. Return of tolls.

INNS AND ALEHOUSES, 1686, 1756, &c. Returns of accommodation for men and horses.

MISCELLANEA—(continued).**Miscellanea—Various (W.O. 30)**—(continued).

INTELLIGENCE, 1797 to 1810. Military reports on Spain and Portugal.

INVASION AND DEFENCE, 1756 to 1870. Military reports, papers, itineraries, &c., relative to the defence of Great Britain and Ireland.

MEDALS, 1812. Regulations with a few names.

MEDICAL REPORTS, 1799 to 1803. Copies.

MILITARY KNIGHTS OF WINDSOR, 1837 to 1870. Papers relating to appointments to the lower foundation, the jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, eligibility for appointments, precedence of knights, distribution of the revenue, &c.

NEWFOUNDLAND, 1848 to 1856. Letter book of Commandants.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS, reports on, 1685 to 1746.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS, 1825 to 1844. Returns of bibles and prayer books supplied, estimates and payments, &c.

ORDNANCE OFFICE.**In - Letters (W.O. 44).**

1682 to 1873. 732 Bundles and Vols. Except for a small section of miscellaneous letters these are almost entirely of 19th century dates. The letters have been weeded and those of importance selected for permanent preservation and classified as follows :—

(a) Districts, &c., e.g. Africa, Bahamas, Berwick, Canada, Cinque Ports, Corfu, Eastern District, East Indies, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Ireland, Kent District, London District, Mediterranean, Newfoundland, New South Wales, Northern District, Nova Scotia, Portsmouth, Quebec, Scotland, South-West District, Thames, Tower, Western District, West Indies, &c.

(b) Departments, viz. Admiralty, Secretary of State, Treasury, War Office, Master General of Ordnance, Inspectors, Solicitor.

(c) Subjects, e.g. Artillery, Barracks, Clothing, Engineers, Field Train, Inventions, Laboratories, General Orders, Pensioners, Powder Mills, Salutes, Services of officers and men, Survey, Volunteers and Yeomanry, Miscellaneous, &c.

Index. 1 Vol. typed. This is in three sections, viz.

(1) 'Inventions.' Index of inventors who submitted their inventions to the Board of Ordnance to the year 1855, referring to Bundles 620-636.

(2) 'Services of officers, non-commissioned officers, men and Departmental subordinates (Bundles 686-700).' These include Officers of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, Barrack Masters, Store-Keepers, Clerks, Conductors, Commissaries, &c. Index of names.

(3) 'In-Letters.' A general Subject Index to the remaining bundles.

Other original in-letters of the Board of Ordnance will be found bound up with the **Minutes** described below (**W.O. 47**).

ORDNANCE OFFICE—(continued).**Reference Books to Correspondence (W.O. 45).**

1783 to 1870. 298 Vols. Registers of the in-letters of the Board of Ordnance (1783 to 1856) and of the Master General (1844 to 1870). With few exceptions they are entered alphabetically under the names of the correspondents and give the dates of writing and receipt, the purport of each letter and the method of its disposal with the date of any minute made by the Board thereon.

Out-Letters (W.O. 46).

1660 to 1861. 169 Vols. Entry books of out-letters and occasionally of the relative in-letters. Most of the volumes are indexed or have their contents tabled. They consist of the following:—

MASTER GENERAL, BOARD AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. There are a general series extending with some considerable gaps from 1693 to 1861; some special volumes of letters to the Treasury, the Solicitor, the Surveyor General and to Army Agents; a series of letters to the Inspector General of Fortifications from the Master General (1813 to 1861) and another to the same from the Board (1848 to 1856); and letter books dealing with particular subjects such as Works at Hull (1660 to 1684), Foreign Barracks (1822 to 1825), the Royal Military Canal, Hythe (1837 to 1856), the Sale and Renting of Lands, &c. (1852 to 1856), the Royal Military Academy (1858 to 1861), &c.

BARRACK OFFICE. General letter books of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Barracks or of the Controller of Barracks (1807 to 1825) and special series of the same for the Treasury (1804 to 1822) and for the Commissioners for Military Inquiry (1805 to 1808).

CLERKS OF THE ORDNANCE, 1836 to 1857. General letter books and recommendations of Committees.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ARTILLERY, 1831 to 1848. Mainly letters from the Artillery Office, Dover, to the Director General of Artillery.

TREASURER, 1687 to 1712. Orders for payments from the Master General to the Treasurer of Ordnance.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, 1799 to 1816. Entry book of letters appointing armourers and armourers' mates to ships.

COMMISSIONERS FOR MILITARY INQUIRY, 1805 to 1810. General letter book of the Commissioners appointed by Stat. 45 Geo. III, c. 47, to inquire into public expenditure and the conduct of public business in the military departments and two volumes of original letters and reports to the same Commissioners.

PRINCIPAL STOREKEEPER, 1807 to 1812 and 1820 to 1826. Entries of letters to local storekeepers, &c.

RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, 1834 to 1836. Entries of letters to barrack masters in Ireland.

ORDNANCE CASH ACCOUNT OFFICE, 1853 to 1856. Entries of letters relative to barracks, &c.

STORE ACCOUNTS OFFICE, 1854 to 1858. Entries of letters to the Tower of London and Woolwich.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NAVAL ARTILLERY, 1855 to 1861. Entries of out-letters relative to artillery and stores, inventions, &c.

CIRCULARS, 1825 to 1854. Bound volumes of printed and manuscript circular letters.

ORDNANCE OFFICE—(continued).**Minutes (W.O. 47).**

1644 to 1856. 2,897 Vols., &c. The Minute Books or Journals of Proceedings of the Board of Ordnance prior to 1810 exist in several broken series. The proceedings were usually initiated by correspondence and the **Reference Books (W.O. 45)** described above, which give the date of the Board's minute upon any letter, will serve to some extent as indexes to the Minute Books where no other means of reference to them exists. The following series of books are contained in this class :—

JOURNALS OF PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD'S MINUTE BOOKS, 1644 to 1727 (with occasional gaps) and 2 Aug. to 3 Dec., 1781, (Nos. 1-33). From 1680 onwards these are usually indexed.

MINUTES (SURVEYOR GENERAL). 1749 to 1792. (Nos. 34-120). These, unlike the series belonging to the same department described below, appear from the one volume of the Board's general Minute Books for the period still remaining to contain a full record of the Board's daily proceedings. From 1750 onwards each volume is indexed.

BOARD'S MINUTE BOOKS, 1809 to June, 1855. (Nos. 121-2,357). The regular series of these begins with 1 Jan., 1810, there being one volume for the first few days only of 1809. The books contain full abstracts of the letters with the Board's orders thereon and brief notes of the subsequent proceedings. Nos. 2,855-2,897 (*Indexes*, Nos. 8,237-8,279) are indexes to these books from 1819 to 1852.

EXTRACTS OF MINUTES, SERIES 1, 1782 to 1816 (Nos. 2,358-2,548). These are bound volumes containing the certified extracts of such minutes of the Board's proceedings as were sent to the Surveyor General by the Secretary of the Board together with all the original correspondence referred by the Board to the former with the Secretary's notes of the orders made thereon.

EXTRACTS OF MINUTES, SERIES 2, 1786 to 1856 (Nos. 2,549-2,759). Entry books apparently made by the Surveyor General from the certified extracts and original correspondence described in the preceding paragraph. The Minutes are not entered in the order of those in the Board's Minute Books and probably represent considerably less than half of the total business done each day by the Board. They are indexed to the end of the year 1831. The later volumes are more in the nature of brief registers of correspondence than minute books.

PENSION MINUTES, 1808 to 1834 (Nos. 2,760-2,850). Bound volumes of original correspondence relating to pensions and pensioners with the Board's minutes thereon. They appear to have been made up in the Surveyor General's Office and are similar in character to the volumes in Extracts, Series 1, above.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES RELATING TO BOUNTY AND PENSIONS, 1818 to 1821. (No. 2,851). An entry book made from the Secretary's certified extracts.

COPIES OF MINUTES RELATING TO IRELAND, 1826 to 1831 (No. 2,852). Minutes of the proceedings of the Office of Ordnance, Dublin, transmitted by the Respective Officers there to the Board of Ordnance.

ORDNANCE OFFICE—(continued).**Accounts : Ledgers (W.O. 48).**

1660 to 1847. 357 Vols. The summarised accounts of the Treasurers and Paymasters of the Ordnance are amongst the Declared Accounts of the Audit Office (pages 71, 72)*. These set out the Imprests issued and vacated each year but do not detail the various items of expenditure, which should be looked for in the Treasurer's Ledgers. These, however, are not indexed between the years 1660 and 1832 and the items are entered chronologically under a rough classification. From 1748 to 1832 these items will be found more systematically classified, though less fully entered, in the Expense Ledgers, which are indexed. The following are the principal series of Ledgers preserved in this class :—

TREASURER'S LEDGERS.

General Series, 1660 to 1832.

Home, 1832 to 1842. Indexed.

Foreign, 1832 to 1846. Indexed.

Barracks, 1832 to 1845. Indexed.

Commissariat, 1834 to 1846. Indexed.

Military Account, 1832 to 1847. Indexed.

EXPENSE LEDGERS. 1748 to 1832. Included amongst these are the Debenture Charge Ledgers, 1822 to 1832. All these ledgers are indexed.

BARRACK OFFICE LEDGERS, 1804 to 1829. Most of these are indexed.

WORKS LEDGERS, 1752 to 1777. Indexed from 1752 to 1758 and from 1769 to 1774.

VOLUNTARY ACCOUNT LEDGERS, 1828 to 1845. Indexed. The Treasurer's so-called 'Voluntary Account' dealt with items of miscellaneous expenditure paid for chiefly out of moneys derived from sales of old and unserviceable stores.

GENERAL LEDGER, 1818 to 1821. Salaries and allowances.

BARRACKS LEDGER, 1823 to 1827.

AGENTS' IMPREST LEDGER, 1824 to 1832.

IRELAND.

Barracks Ledgers, 1837 to 1840. Indexed.

Agents' Imprest Ledgers, 1809 to 1847.

Voluntary Account Ledgers, 1803 to 1823.

Accounts : Various (W.O. 49).

1592 to 1858. 293 Vols., &c. These consist of the following—
CONTRACTS, 1783 to 1858. 16 Vols. Original contracts for works, &c. and papers relating thereto.

DEBENTURE BOOKS, 1592 to 1715. 93 Vols. Entry books of the debentures setting out the items of the accounts for which they were drawn.

ESTIMATES, 1639 to 1854. 78 Vols. Estimates of expenditure, works, &c. and miscellaneous papers relating thereto. Colonial estimates (1843 to 1854).

IRELAND, 1821 to 1850. 19 Vols. Increase and diminution accounts, general cash accounts, barracks, survey, &c.

* See also Vol. I, p. 120.

ORDNANCE OFFICE—(continued).**Accounts : Various (W.O. 49)**—(continued).

JOURNALS (CASH), 1824 to 1829. 5 Vols. Treasurer's receipts and payments.

LAW ACCOUNTS, 1761 to 1842. 1 Bundle. Accounts of law business undertaken for the Secretary-at-War with opinions of law officers on cases.

MISCELLANEOUS, 1660 to 1854. 81 Vols. Payments on privy seal, statements of expenditure, accounts relating to particular works and undertakings, incidental expenses, summaries of bills and imprests, reports subsidiary to parliamentary accounts, miscellaneous subsidiary papers, &c.; and documents relating to the transfer to Chelsea Hospital of the payment of Ordnance pensions (1833 to 1848).

Accounts : Vouchers for Agents' Disbursements—Artillery (W.O. 18).

1770 to 1820. 213 Vols., &c. These are bound volumes of original warrants by the Board of Ordnance to its agents for payments on account of pensions, recruiting, hospitals, soldiers' effects and other charges, together with the original receipts, certificates of existence, letters petitioning for allowance, &c.

Accounts : Bill Books.

Series 1 (W.O. 50). 1677 to 1778. 21 Vols.

Series 2 (W.O. 51). 1630 to 1806. 313 Vols.

Series 3 (W.O. 52). 1783 to 1859. 782 Vols.

Series 4 (W.O. 53). 1660 to 1822. 534 Vols.

The Bill Books contain the detailed items of the expenditure of the Ordnance Office and thereby supplement the information to be obtained from the Ledgers.

Series 1, 2 and 3 are entry books of the original bills. Series 1 is a small collection containing the quarterly bills from 1694 to 1752, some miscellaneous bills between 1678 and 1754, bills relating to the French War (1677-1679), to Quebec (1775-1778) and to Port Mahon and Gibraltar (1714-1721).

Series 2 and 3 constitute the general collection of the entry books of bills from 1630 to 1859. From 1753 onwards they include the quarterly bills which contain the salary lists of the officials, clerks and artificers and thus help to complete the information to be obtained from the Quarter and Establishment Books and other records amongst the Registers described below and also from the Ledgers. In addition to the quarterly bill books the two series contain separate bill books for such items of expenditure as home, Irish and foreign disbursements, foreign establishments, shipping and transport, travelling, agents' accounts, storekeepers, Royal Artillery contingencies, captors of prizes, the Small Gun Office, the Carriage Department at Woolwich, and the like. Many of the Bill Books are indexed.

Series 4 consists of bound volumes of the original bills together with receipts and other vouchers. These include accounts for the French War (1678), Flanders (1692-1749), Gibraltar (1710-1822), Port Mahon, Minorca (1708-1782) and for various home,

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colonial and foreign stations ; miscellaneous bills (1660-1669), gunsmiths' bills (1714), land purchase bills for various ports (1714-1715 and 1751-1764), &c.

Registers (W.O. 54).

1594 to 1866. 945 Vols. and Bundles. This class consists of the following :—

QUARTER BOOKS, 1594 to 1837. 196 Vols. Quarterly lists of the salaries, wages, pensions and allowances paid to civil and military members of the Ordnance establishment and artificers. Between 1716 and 1821 the books contain also lists of the debentures paid by order of the Board.

ESTABLISHMENTS, 1676 to 1855. 40 Vols. An incomplete series including in addition to lists of the civil and military establishments at home and abroad some lists of the Irish Ordnance establishment, returns of Ordnance medical officers (1835-1850) and lists of officers of the Artillery and Engineers (1851 and 1855).

COMMISSION BOOKS, 1740 to 1852. 11 Vols. Entry books of commissions of officers of the Artillery and Engineers including the foreign corps from 1794 to 1851 and Master Gunners from 1740 to 1772. Indexed.

RETURNS OF ENGINEER OFFICERS, 1786 to 1850. 12 Vols. A complete series showing where each officer was stationed.

DESCRIPTION BOOKS, 1755 to 1863. 57 Vols. These give similar information to other Description Books previously described amongst the War Office records. They include books for men of the several Artillery battalions, which may be supplemented by the similar books amongst the **Artillery Records of Services** (page 172), and description books of sappers, miners, artificers, labourers and others. Many of the volumes are alphabetically arranged or indexed.

DISCHARGES, TRANSFERS AND CASUALTIES, 1740 to 1859. 21 Vols. and Bundles. These include some entry books of discharges, deaths, transfers, &c. chiefly of the Artillery, giving particulars of service of each man and the date when he became non-effective; original discharge papers giving similar information ; and some entry books of proceedings of regimental boards relative to discharges in the Engineers.

SALARIES AND PENSIONS, 1802 to 1844. 156 Vols., &c. Registers of Artillery pensions in Great Britain and Ireland showing the amounts paid and the recipients' places of residence (1816-1833) ; entry books of the Board of Inquiry's observations on pensions in the Artillery and also to sappers and miners (1828, 1829) ; agents' original vouchers for the payment of widows' pensions (1802) ; various registers of salaries and pensions in barracks in Great Britain, Ireland and abroad, of military and civil superannuations and pensions, widows' pensions, &c. (1822-1844) ; returns of Artillery pensioners and of sappers and miners entitled to pension (1828 - 1830) ; &c. Many of the volumes are indexed or alphabetically arranged.

ORDNANCE OFFICE—(continued).**Registers (W.O. 54)**—(continued).

REGISTERS OF LETTERS OF ATTORNEY, 1699 to 1857. 17 Vols. Series 1 of these covering this period consists of entry books of letters of attorney of officers of the Royal Artillery and Engineers, civil and military officers of the Board of Ordnance, artificers and others entitled to receive money from the Board. With one exception the volumes are indexed. Series 2 contains an alphabetical register of similar letters entered with Lord Sondes and William Aislabie, a few between 1729 and 1749 but the most part between 1750 and 1780, and an entry book of Irish letters of attorney, probates, &c. between 1823 and 1839 (indexed).

RETURNS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED, 1811 to 1847. 161 bundles. Original returns for Great Britain, Ireland and foreign stations arranged in alphabetical order of stations. They give the age of each person, his place of residence, occupation, whether married or single, number of children, particulars of service and salary.

MISCELLANEOUS REGISTERS, PAY LISTS, &c., 1692 to 1866. 84 Vols. Miscellaneous pay lists, returns of services; promotion books and other records of the Artillery and detachments thereof; some similar records of the Engineers; musters and pay lists of the French emigrant Engineers and Artillery (1795-1802); Field Train registers of officers (1809-1849) and artificers (1804-1805) and list of the Field Train Department (1799-1814); registers of allowances to officers for baggage and forage (1793-1839); lists of barrack masters in England and Ireland showing pay and allowances (1797-1852), returns of services of the same, &c.; papers relating to Ordnance establishments and pensions (1796-1839); register of Royal Military Academy (1839-1841); and similar miscellaneous lists and papers.

APPOINTMENT PAPERS, &c., 190 Bundles. These consist of original letters of application and testimonials, appointments and papers relative thereto and include the following:—

Barrack Masters, 1820 to 1852.

Barrack Sergeants, 1823 to 1855.

Cadets: Applications, 1819 to 1852; Notifications, 1819 to 1837; Nominations, 1834 to 1849; Certificates of age, baptism, &c. and withdrawals, 1817 to 1850.

Clerks, 1819 to 1852.

Armourers to ships, 1827 to 1838.

Labourers, 1827 to 1852.

Miscellaneous: Civil, 1819 to 1852 Military, 1819 to 1851.

Respective Officers, 1819 to 1851.

Artillery, 1809 to 1862.

Engineers, 1815 to 1846.

Field Train, 1819 to 1838.

Medical Department, 1835 to 1847.

All the above are arranged alphabetically. The collection includes also miscellaneous papers relating to appointments, promotions, pensions, &c., including a few marriage certificates, 1780 to 1855, and original appointments by letters patent, warrants, &c., 1670 to 1855.

ORDNANCE OFFICE—(continued).**Miscellanea (W.O. 55).**

1568 to 1890. 2,267 Vols. and Bundles. This class contains the following records :—

REPORTS, 1753 to 1859. 329 Vols. These include :—

General Reports, 1753 to 1858. Entry books of reports of the Surveyor General with the Board's decisions thereon.

Colonial Reports, 1808 to 1859. Entry books of reports from colonies with correspondence and papers relating thereto.

Also entry books of reports on arms and ammunition returned into store (1832-1844), on deficiencies of arms, &c. of Volunteers (1806-1826), on allowances and supplies to Master Gunners and the Navy (1830-1858), and the like, together with some original reports, maps, &c. relating to North America (1757-1760) and to canals in Canada (1840). Most of the entry books are indexed.

WARRANTS, 1578 to 1857. 209 Vols., &c. Entry books of Warrants and Orders in Council together with originals of the same. The warrants include royal warrants, warrants from the Master General and Board of Ordnance, warrants relating to stores, money, works, pay, pensions, &c. Many of the entry books are indexed.

ORDERS, 1744 to 1863. 175 Vols. and Bundles. Included amongst these are extracts of minutes, original correspondence with the Board's minutes thereon, copies of circulars (manuscript, lithographed and printed) as well as several series of entry books of the orders of the Board. There are a series of Military Orders extending from 1822 to 1855 consisting of the correspondence, papers and extracts of minutes relating to commissions, promotions, deaths, pensions, &c., of officers and referred by the Board to the Clerk of the Ordnance, apparently a parallel series to the Surveyor General's Extracts of Minutes described above amongst the **Minutes** (p. 187); General Orders, 1749 to 1844; entry books of Paymasters' Orders on account of the Artillery, 1762 to 1823, together with original applications for allowances, receipts and other vouchers; Orders for payment by the Treasurer of the Ordnance, the Paymaster and others, 1762 to 1854; entry books of General Orders relative to the Artillery, 1747 to 1855, including orders as to exchanges of officers, notifications of the royal approval of commissions and promotions, and the like, as well as the orders of the Commander of the Forces; Garrison and Regimental Orders of the Artillery in Ireland (1830 to 1863), the Ionian Islands (1852 to 1854) and Corfu (1856 to 1862); entry books of orders for detachments of the Artillery, 1775 to 1861; and original memoranda by the Deputy Adjutant General in the nature of Orders to the Artillery, 1832 to 1850. Many of the entry books and bound volumes of papers have indexes or tables of their contents.

ENGINEER PAPERS, 1785 to 1860. 310 Bundles. Original letters and reports to the Chief Royal Engineer, the Inspector General of Fortifications and others from chief engineers, barrack masters and others with draft orders and minutes thereon. They are arranged chronologically under the several districts of England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, the Channel Islands, &c. and under the several colonies.

ORDNANCE OFFICE—(continued).**Miscellanea (W.O. 55)**—(continued).

ENGINEER LETTER BOOKS, 1785 to 1868. 40 Vols. Entry books of letters from and to the Royal Engineers, including the Royal Military Artificers, Sappers and Miners, at Woolwich, Chatham, Gosport, Portsmouth, &c. There is an entry book of letters relative to certain companies of the Royal Staff Corps which had been transferred to the Ordnance (1829-1831). Many of the books have an index or précis of their contents.

ARTILLERY LETTERS AND LETTER BOOKS, 1773 to 1862. 484 Vols., &c. Original correspondence and entry books and registers of letters as follows:—

Woolwich, 1777 to 1856. Letters to and from officers at home and abroad, to and from the Board of Ordnance and the Adjutant General, from the Adjutant General to the Master General, &c.

Ireland, 1797 to 1844. In-Letters and letter books of the Artillery Office, Dublin.

Local. These include letter books of the Artillery in America (1773-1777), at Brussels (1814-1815), Cambrai (1817-1818), in the Peninsula (1810-1814); copies, &c. of correspondence from Artillery officers in India (1857-1862); &c.

Some of the books have an index or table of their contents.

OBSERVATIONS, REPORTS, &c. ON DEFENCE, FORTIFICATIONS, &c., 1681 to 1879. 16 Bundles. These comprise reports relative to the defence of the various districts in England, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Colonies. There are observations on the fortifications of various foreign countries, a French description of the coast line from the Cape of Good Hope to Japan (1746), observations on and a scheme for telegraphic correspondence (1803, 1804), memoranda by the Duke of Wellington relative to the naval defence of the country (1845), his reply to Sir John Burgoyne's observations on the probable results of a war with France (1846-1847), Lord Palmerston's report on the defence of the country (1864), &c.

LANDS, RENTS AND BUILDINGS, 1770 to 1860. 61 Vols. and Bundles. Rent ledger and receipt books, rent books of canteens, barracks, &c.; quarterly returns of rents received, reports of encroachments and perambulations, deeds, plans and papers for places in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Colonies and Dependencies, arranged topographically.

STORES, 1571 to 1858. 154 Vols., &c. (Nos. 1,625-1,775, 1,936, 1,937, 1,983). Registers of issues of stores and arms, surveys of stores and arms at the Tower, Portsmouth, Chatham and elsewhere, store ledgers, &c., for the most part of 17th century date.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND PAPERS, 1568 to 1865. 165 Vols. and Bundles (Nos. 1,776-1,935, 1,938-1,940, 1,984, 2,267). Reports, surveys, letter books, general instructions for the conduct of business, regulations, schemes, treatises and miscellaneous papers relating to a great variety of subjects in connexion with

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the work of the Ordnance Office, amongst which may be noted the following :—

Barracks : miscellaneous papers (1683-1847), Treasury authority books (1806-1824), minute books of Commissioners for Barracks (1808-1816) ; returns as to accommodation, estimates, &c. (1822-1829) ; quarterly returns of construction and occupation of foreign barracks (1833-1848) ; letter books, registers of papers, &c.

Courts Martial : entry book of proceedings (1803-1821) ; reports (1848-1855).

Home and Foreign Stations : miscellaneous papers (1805-1832).

Louisberg Expedition : entry book of letters relating to (1745-1750).

Ships : lists of ships and of their guns and ordnance (1688-1826).

Tangier : plans (1662-1683) ; entry book of warrants relating to (1674-1680).

Tower of London : wages account (1568) ; entry book of evidences relating to the Liberty ; inventory of arms and furniture in the Ordnance Office (1675).

Works : statistics of works at Dundee, Deal and Dorchester (1794-1798) ; reports on new works at Mauritius, Chester, Halifax, &c. (1826-1837).

KING'S WORKS AT PURFLEET, 1793 to 1834. 42 Vols. These consist of an account of the storekeeper's disbursements, entry books of in- and out-letters of the clerk of the works and others, diaries showing the work performed each day and the numbers and grades of men employed, and day journals of the stores issued and received.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, PORTSMOUTH, 1699 to 1890. 282 Vols. These comprise :—

Letter Books, namely entry books of letters received (1718-1862), of letters received by the land steward and storekeeper (1817-1832), of letters issued (1750-1757), of letters issued by the land steward (1809-1815, 1834-1836), index of letters issued (1844-1857), &c.

Minutes or Registers of letters received giving purport and method of disposal, 1758 to 1890.

Miscellanea including entry books of correspondence, &c. relative to the defence of the coast (1790-1803) ; various small account books, cheque books, &c. (1763-1800) ; estimates for works (1726-1728) ; list of ordnance and stores received at and returned to Portsmouth (1699-1701) ; storekeeper's register (1720-1731) ; store ledgers, Crimean War (1855-1860) ; plans of the Old and New Gunwharf, &c.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S OFFICE.**Correspondence :**

Letters, &c. relative to Courts Martial (W.O. 72).

1696 to 1850. 103 Bundles. Original in-letters with enclosures, reports and other miscellaneous documents.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S OFFICE—(continued).**Correspondence**—(continued).**Letter Books (W.O. 81).**

1715 to 1900. 133 Vols. Entry books to 1866 and thence onward pressed copies (flimsies) of out-letters. Except in the case of a few of the earlier volumes, each volume is indexed.

Charge Books (W.O. 84).

1857 to 1892. 4 Vols. An entry book and pressed copy books of out-letters relative to the preparation of charges for trial by courts martial. Each volume is indexed.

Office Day Books (W.O. 82).

1817 to 1899. 24 Vols. Daily registers of letters received with brief notes of their subject.

Courts Martial :**Proceedings (W.O. 71).**

1668 to 1850. 342 Vols. and Bundles. This class comprises the following :—

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL OFFICERS, 1706 to 1806. 12 Vols. Minutes of the Board with entries of warrants, letters, &c. Most of the volumes are indexed.

GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL. 1692 to 1796. 21 Vols. Entry books of the proceedings including warrants, letters, &c.

COURTS MARTIAL, HOME AND FOREIGN STATIONS, 1715 to 1790. 31 Vols. Similar books, each indexed.

MARCHING REGIMENTS, 1757 to 1789. 34 Vols. Similar entry books of proceedings in courts martial, each volume indexed.

SPECIAL CASES, 1780 to 1824. 22 Vols. Each volume contains a copy of the proceedings in a particular case apparently prepared with a view to its being specially laid before the King.

PAPERS, 1668 to 1850. 222 Bundles. These are the original proceedings in courts martial, many of them being entered in the foregoing entry books. They include some special returns from Ireland between 1800 and 1820.

District Courts Martial (W.O. 86).

1829 to 1900. 50 Vols. Registers of charges, giving the name, rank and regiment of each prisoner, place of trial, nature of the charge and sentence.

Do. London (W.O. 87).

1865 to 1875. 1 Vol. A similar register.

Do. India (W.O. 88).

1878 to 1900. 5 Vols. Similar registers.

General Courts Martial (W.O. 89).

1666 to 1829. 5 Vols. For 1666 to 1697 and 1758 to 1760 these are entry books giving the proceedings in full ; from 1812 to 1829 they are registers similar to those described above.

Do. Abroad (W.O. 90).

1796 to 1900. 4 Vols. Similar registers.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S OFFICE—(continued).**Courts Martial—(continued).****General Courts Martial Confirmed at Home (W.O. 91).**

1806 to 1904. 51 Vols. These contain the reports of each case as submitted by the Judge Advocate General for the sovereign's confirmation, together with his minutes thereon and copies of the Commander-in-Chief's letters confirming the sentences as approved by the sovereign. Alphabetical indexes to this class will be found amongst the **Miscellaneous Records (W.O. 93)** below.

Do. Registers (W.O. 92).

1806 to 1898. 2 Vols. These set out in tabular form the information contained in the preceding class and may be referred to by means of the same indexes.

Deputation Books (W.O. 85).

1751 to 1910. 8 Vols. Entry books of the appointments of deputy judge advocates. The volumes are indexed to the year 1833.

Minute Books (W.O. 83).

1871 to 1900. 10 Vols. These contain the decisions and rulings of the Judge Advocate General. The volumes are indexed.

Miscellaneous Records (W.O. 93).

1754 to 1904. 4 Vols., &c. These comprise:—

TRIALS OF OFFICERS, 1806 to 1904. Alphabetical indexes to the confirmations of courts martial described above (**W.O. 91 and 92**).

BOARDS OF GENERAL OFFICERS. A minute book of the proceedings of the Board of General Officers for the inspection of the clothing of the forces and of another Board to examine the causes of the failure of the late expedition to the coast of France (1754 to 1758); and a letter book of the Board to inquire into statements respecting supplies for the British Army in the Crimea (1856 and 1857). These Boards were all held at the Office of the Judge Advocate General.

SALARY AND ESTABLISHMENT RETURNS, 1821 to 1833. Entry book of returns to the House of Commons and the Treasury as to salaries, pensions, fees, &c. in the Judge Advocate General's Office, and of correspondence relative thereto.

COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT.**In-Letters (W.O. 57).**

1806 to 1817. 58 Bundles, &c. This class comprises entry books of letters from the Treasury, 1806 to 1816 (8 Vols., indexed) and bundles of original letters to the Commissary-in-Chief from commissariat officers at various stations abroad, arranged under the several foreign countries, 1810 to 1817.

Between the years 1817 and 1854 the in-letters of the Commissariat Department, so far as they are now preserved, are amongst the **Treasury Board Papers** (p. 143) and duly noted in the Registers of those papers.

COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT—(continued).**Out-Letters (W.O. 58).**

1793 to 1858. 172 Vols. These are entry books and consist of the following :—

Miscellaneous correspondence relating to appointments, salaries, contracts, &c., 1798 to 1858. 43 Vols.

Schedules of contractors and contracts with miscellaneous correspondence, 1809 to 1812. 1 Vol.

Letters to Government Departments, 1809 to 1856. 18 Vols. Letters to the Admiralty, Audit Office, Commander-in-Chief and General Officers, Colonial Office, Home Office, Foreign Office, Ordnance Office, Transport Office, Victualling Board and War Office.

Letters to commissariat officers stationed abroad, 1798 to 1858. 103 Vols. Arranged under the several foreign countries.

Correspondence between the Treasury and commissariat officers employed on special services, 1793 to 1816 and 1856 to 1858. 7 Vols. Letters from and to various deputy commissary generals and foreign letter books of the Commissary-in-Chief.

All the volumes are indexed or have their contents tabled.

Minutes (W.O. 59).

1816 to 1854. 76 Vols. During the period covered by these entry books, the Commissariat was carried on as a separate department of the Treasury. The original letters and reports upon which the minutes are drawn up are preserved amongst the **Treasury Board Papers (T. 1)**, to which the numerical references given in the margins refer. Down to June 1853 each volume is indexed.

Accounts (W.O. 60).

1774 to 1858. 112 Vols. and Bundles. These include, in addition to miscellaneous ledgers and accounts, documents relating to the following :—

CRIMEA, 1854 to 1858. Journals, cash accounts, warrant books, estimates, &c.

HOLLAND, 1798 to 1800. Tabular account.

NEW YORK, 1774 to 1784. General accounts, journals, ledgers, cash books, abstract books of rations for foreign troops, vouchers, &c.

QUEBEC, 1829 to 1836. Military Chest journals.

ST. HELENA, 1816 to 1821. Accounts and papers relating to the expenses of Napoleon and the establishment at Longwood.

CONTRACTS, 1800 to 1849. Contracts for supplies, agreements, and proposals for the same, contract prices for bread, meat, oats, forage, &c.

Registers (W.O. 61).

1791 to 1889. 135 Vols. These comprise the following :—

APPOINTMENTS, SERVICES, &c., 1798 to 1889. 18 Vols. Appointments and services of barrack masters, purveyors, commissariat clerks, storekeepers and others, registers of commissariat and transport staff, civilians employed during the Egyptian campaign (1882), &c.

COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT—(continued).**Registers (W.O. 61)**—(continued).

ESTABLISHMENTS, 1809 to 1869. 42 Vols. Lists of persons employed in the Peninsula (1809), the Barrack Department (1851 to 1869), and at home and abroad in the Commissariat Department (1816 to 1868), with rates of pay, &c.

HALF PAY, PENSIONS, &c., 1810 to 1856. 33 Vols. Registers of half pay and pensions to commissariat officers, of full pay, half pay and pensions to officers and military staffs abroad, registers of payments to military pensioners abroad.

MISCELLANEOUS PAY LISTS, &c., 1791 to 1876. 42 Vols. Register of widows' pensions and compassionate allowances, payments to officers, clerks, artisans, labourers, &c., list of the garrison at Grenada (1791), weekly states of the Carriage Department with musters (1799 to 1825), register of leave of absence to commissariat officers at home and abroad (1809 to 1876), &c.

Miscellanea (W.O. 62).

1798 to 1859. 50 Vols., &c. This class comprises some entry books of letters, orders, reports, requisitions, returns, &c., miscellaneous instructions, warrants, forms, tables, &c., amongst which may be noted the following:—

Powers of attorney, 1816 to 1824.

Letter books of the Commissariat Headquarters at the Crimea, 1854 to 1857.

Letter books kept by commissariat officers at various stations, namely:—

Crimea, 1854 to 1859.

Lisbon, 1814 to 1815.

Mexico, 1835 to 1846.

West Indies, 1823 to 1826.

Reports, &c., relating to Fort Garry, 1846 to 1848.

Reports as to canals, 1809 and 1810.

Ireland (W.O. 63).

1797 to 1852. 161 Vols. This class consists of:—

LETTER BOOKS, 136 Vols. Amongst these are the following entry books:—

Letters from the Commissariat Headquarters, Dublin, to military officers, civilians, commissariat officers, the Barrack Department, the Carriage Department, the Treasury, &c., 1797 to 1832.

Letters received at the Commissariat Headquarters, Dublin, 1798 to 1819.

Letter books of commissariat centres during the Irish Famine, 1846 to 1852.

Letters from Dublin to the British Association, 1846, 1847.

Letters relating to the supply of Indian corn, 1846 to 1848.

ACCOUNTS, 25 Vols. Cash accounts, journals and ledgers, 1798 to 1822.

RECORDS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF H.M. WORKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

In early times surveyors, paymasters, clerks of the works or similar officials were appointed to take charge of particular works and buildings carried out for the Crown and their accounts will be found amongst those of the Exchequer described in Vol. I of this work.

Queen Elizabeth by letters patent on 1 Feb., 1561, appointed John Revell to be surveyor for life of her works in the Tower of London and in all her honours, castles, lordships and manors. A regular Office of Works seems to have been in existence about this period and thenceforward there is a practically continuous series of accounts of the Surveyors and Paymasters of the royal works and buildings amongst the Declared Accounts of the Pipe and Audit Offices.

The surveyors, controllers, paymasters and other principal officers of the Office or Board of Works continued to be appointed by royal letters patent or other warrant, but in 1782 by Stat. 22 Geo. III, c. 82, it was enacted that the royal buildings should be placed under the control of a single person, to be appointed by the Crown, as Surveyor or Controller of H.M. Works. He was to be an architect or builder by profession, with such officers and clerks under him as the Crown might from time to time appoint.

In 1814 this provision was repealed and the Crown was empowered by Stat. 54 Geo. III, c. 157, to appoint a Surveyor General of H.M. Works and Public Buildings, whether the expense of such works, &c., was to be defrayed out of the Civil List or funds granted by Parliament.

In 1832 by Stat. 2 & 3 Will. IV, c. 1, the Office of Surveyor General was united with that of the Commissioners of Woods who thereupon became the Commissioners of H.M. Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works and Buildings. This arrangement continued until 1851 when the two departments were again separated and the Office of the Commissioners of H.M. Works and Public Buildings, as it now exists, was established by Stat. 14 & 15 Vict., c. 42.

Under this Statute the Board of Works consists of the First Commissioner who is appointed by warrant under the royal sign manual and may be a member of Parliament, the principal Secretaries of State and the President and Vice-President of the Board of Trade. In practice, however, the First Commissioner acts alone and the Board never meets except when his office is vacant and business has to be done.*

The following are the records of the Office which have been transferred to the Public Record Office. They are not open to inspection except by special permission of the First Commissioner.

Letter Books :

General Series (Works 1). 1730 to 1851. 37 Vols. Entry books of in- and out-letters. There is a break in the continuity of the series between the years 1794 and 1815. From 1832 to 1851 the books belonged to the Works Department of the Commissioners of Woods, &c. The volumes between 1815 and June 1818 and from March 1832 onwards are each indexed.

* Anson, *Law and Custom of the Constitution* (3rd edit.), Vol. II, Part I, p. 200.

Letter Books—(continued).

Treasury (Works 2). 1832 to 1851. 9 Vols. Entry books kept by the Works Department of the Commissioners of Woods, &c. of letters to and from the Treasury. Each volume is indexed.

Miscellaneous (Works 3). 1685 to 1851. 10 Vols. These consist of the following :—

GENERAL, 1685 to 1700. A small entry book containing estimates for fitting Westminster Abbey and Hall for the coronations of James II and William and Mary, for fitting Somerset House for the Queen Dowager (1685), and various letters and memoranda of Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor General, and others relative to the Office of Works.

ST. JAMES'S PARK, 1721 to 1728. Entry book of warrants and letters relating to the Park. Less than twenty pages are written upon.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, 1786 to 1797. Entry book of correspondence between this Office and the Office of Works relating to works at the royal palaces.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, 1831 to 1837. 2 Vols. Entry books of correspondence relating to the completion of the Palace for the reception of the King and royal household.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 1844 to 1846. Entry book of correspondence relative to the work of the Survey in Great Britain and Ireland. Indexed.

VENISON, 1831 to 1851. 2 Vols. Entry books of reports made in 1831 on the number of deer and the conditions of their preservation in the royal forests and parks together with subsequent correspondence relative to them and other matters in connexion with the said forests and parks. Indexed.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES, 1846, 1847. 2 Vols. Entry books of correspondence arising out of the Stat. 9 & 10 Vict., c. 106, 'An Act for making preliminary inquiries in certain cases of applications for local Acts,' the responsibility for making which inquiries was imposed on the Office of Woods. Indexed.

Minutes (Works 4).

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Africa, South :

British South Africa Company, Government Gazettes (C.O. 455) 1894 to 1900. 1 Vol.

Bechuanaland, British :

Government Gazettes (C.O. 451). 1887 to 1895. 1 Vol.

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Falkland Islands :

Government Gazettes (C.O. 458). 1891 to 1896. 1 Vol.

Fiji :

Miscellanea (C.O. 459). 1876 to 1900. 25 Vols. Blue Books of Statistics.

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Government Gazettes (C.O. 460). 1883 to 1896. 3 Vols.

Griqualand West :

Miscellanea (C.O. 461). 1873. 1 Vol. Statistics.

Negri Sembilan :

Government Gazettes (C.O. 463). 1896 to 1900. 2 Vols.

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Government Gazettes (C.O. 453). 1888 to 1898. 1 Vol.

Niger Coast Protectorate :

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North Borneo, British :

Government Gazettes (C.O. 454). 1885 to 1900. 3 Vols.

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Adm.	Admiralty.	L.S.	Lord Steward's Department.
A.G.	Accountant General.	Mun.	Ministry of Munitions.
A.O.	....	Exchequer and Audit Office.	N.B.	....	Navy Board.
B.T.	....	Board of Trade.	Nat. Debt	....	National Debt Office.
C.O.	....	Colonial Office.	P.C.	....	Privy Council Office.
F.O.	....	Foreign Office.	P.M.G.	....	Paymaster General's Office.
G.H.	....	Greenwich Hospital.	P.S.	....	Privy Seal Office.
H.O.	....	Home Office.	S.O.	....	Signet Office.
Inl.	....	Inland Revenue Office.	S.P.O.	....	State Paper Office.
L.C.	....	Lord Chamberlain's Department.	T.	....	Treasury.
L.R.R.O.	Land Revenue Record Office.	T.S.	Treasury Solicitor.
			W.O.	War Office.
			Works	Office of Works.

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